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1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine, Ph. D.	Rev. J. S. Simon, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1911-1912.

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Rev. J. J. CHAMBERS, Rev. D. J. SNYDER, Rev. H. C. FUNK.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Los Angeles, Cal., St. Mark's Church.
Place—October 11th, 1912.

PROGRAM OF SYNOD

(*Alternates in parentheses.*)

(Where discussion is provided for, the discussion will be opened by the alternate.)

Half-hour Devotional Service each Morning.

The Epistle to the Philippians, REV. O. H GRUVER. (REV. J. J. CHAMBERS.)

Friday Evening. Synodical Communion.

Sermon by REV. J. W. BALL, PH. D. (REV. C. F. OEHLER.)

Saturday Afternoon. Sunday School Institute.

"The Complete Primary." MISS MAME BROCKWAY.
"The Boy Problem." MR. R. O. HANSEN.
"The Baraca-Philathea Movement." MR. W. FRANK FISHER.
Round Table, conducted by MR. H. A. GETZ.

Sunday. Morning Worship.

Sermon by REV. J. W. ROMICH. (REV. H. C. FUNK.)

Sunday Evening.

Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention.

Monday Afternoon.

"The Doctrine of the Ministry." REV. H. GEHRCKE. (REV. G. H. HILLERMAN.)

Monday Evening.

"Our Educational Problem." PRES. J. A. B. SCHERER, PH. D., LL. D (REV. J. E. HOICK.)

Tuesday Afternoon.

"The Lutheran Church and Organized Labor." REV. W. E. CROUSER (REV. M. L. KUNKELMAN, M. D.)

Tuesday Evening. Inner Missions.

Historical. REV. C. F. OEHLER. (REV. W. R. SWICKARD.)
Practical. REV. D. J. SNYDER. (REV. H. J. WEAVER.)

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SAN DIEGO, CAL., TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1911.

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in the First Lutheran Church, Rev. George H. Hillerman, pastor, May 2d, 1911, at 8 P. M.

The Synodical sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., Secretary of Synod, in the absence and removal of the President. His theme, "The Obligation and Opportunity of Co-workers with Christ," was based on John 9 : 4. Revs. G. H. Hillerman, W. E. Crouser, and C. F. Oehler assisted at the altar service and in the administration of the Holy Communion.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1911, 8.30 A. M.

The half-hour devotional services on the "Sermon on the Mount" was conducted by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Synod was called to order by acting President, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D. Rev. O. H. Gruver was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Rev. R. W. Mottern led in prayer.

The roll of pastors was called and the credentials of delegates received and their names enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D.D. *a. e.*	1879	1891	Montara.		
2	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.		
3	Charles F. Oehler	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1207 K St.	Sacramento, German	James Popert, *a.*
4	Herman Gehrcke, *a. e.*	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's.	Paul Boehme, *a.*
5	L. C. Routzahn, *a.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
6	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1322 Adeline St.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's.	Jacob Ohlemutz, *a.*
7	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Oakland, 526 23d St.		
8	George H. Hillerman.	1896	1896	San Diego, 1140 21st St.	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
9	John E. Hoick	1894	1898	San José, 180 E. Julian St.	San José, Grace	Carl Hildinger, *a. e.*
10	Herbert J. Weaver	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 1241 W. 9th St.	Los Angeles, First	H. A. Getz.
11	William E. Crouser.	1898	1892	San Francisco, 1375 Geary St.	San Francisco, First	J. W. Fricke, *a. e.*
12	Silas W. Young, *a. e.*	1868	1903	Tekamah, Neb.		
13	Oscar H. Gruver.	1892	1904	Oakland, 285 Belmont Ave.	Oakland, First	J. A. Bohn.
14	Lutz Horn, *a.*	1898	1904	Switzerland.		
15	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	Alameda, 1030 Santa Clara Ave.	Alameda, Christ.	
16	John Gutleben, *a. e.*	1870	1905	Oakland, 2114 High St.		
17	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.		
18	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 735 E. St.	Barstow, Bethanien.	
19	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	San Bernardino, 360 Delaware Ave.	San Bernardino, First	Ernest Gustafson, *a. e.*
20	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Alpaugh	Alpaugh, First	J. R. Callister, *a. e.*
21	James A. B. Scherer, Ph.D., LL. D., *a.e.*	1891	1908	Pasadena, 500 Del Rosa Drive.		
22	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	Los Angeles, St. Mark's.	Theo. M. Mieding.
23	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	Redlands, 32 Sonora St.	Redlands, First	A. P. Crim.
24	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 637 E. 8th St.	Long Beach, Trinity.	
25	Michael F. Rinker, *a. e.*	1885	1908	Los Angeles, 1258 W. Temple St.		
26	Charles W. Weiser.	1908	1908	Pasadena, 419 N. Raymond Ave.	Pasadena, Trinity	Elmer Frey.
27	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Riverside, 636 15th St.	Riverside, Trinity	Jos. F. Reimer.
28	Herman R. Pontow.	1909	1910	Sanger	Sanger, St. Paul's.	
29	M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.	....	1910	Los Angeles.		
30	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Sacramento, 1816 J St.	Sacramento, First.	
	Vacant	....	....		Fresno, Wartburg.	
	Vacant	....	....		Salinas, Our Saviour.	
	Vacant	....	....		Santa Barbara, Grace.	

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of officers for this convention. Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was elected President, and Rev. O. H. Gruver was elected Secretary.

The President's report was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

Once more, owing to the removal of our esteemed brother, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, from the bounds of the Synod, the duties of President have devolved upon the Secretary. Rev. Frederick resigned December 7th, 1910. Had there been any other constitutional provision, it is most probable that the additional duties would have been declined, owing to pressure of work in connection with church building. However, there being no choice, I have discharged the duties of the office as well as circumstances have permitted. The official acts of the President and other matters requiring the attention of the Synod are herewith submitted.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. Oscar H. Gruver resigned as pastor of the First Church of Oakland, the resignation going into effect April 30th, 1910.

Rev. John Gutleben resigned the pastorate of St. Paul's, Sanger, preaching his farewell sermon May 15th, 1910.

Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D., resigned from Grace Church, Santa Barbara, October 31st, 1910.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick resigned the First Church, San Bernardino, November 7th, 1910.

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., resigned as pastor of the English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, November 13th, 1910.

Rev. S. W. Young resigned from the Church of our Saviour, Salinas, the resignation going into effect January 31st, 1911.

Rev. W. J. Roehmer resigned from the Wartburg Church of Fresno, the resignation taking effect April 16, 1911.

DISMISSIONS.

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick was dismissed to the Pacific Synod (G. C.), January 9th, 1911.

Rev. C. H. Armstrong, Ph. D., was dismissed to the Olive Branch Synod, January 18th, 1911.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Herman R. Pontow, a licentiate of the German Nebraska Synod, accepted a call to St. Paul's, Sanger, May 14th, 1910.

Rev. J. W. Romich accepted the call of the First Church, San Bernardino, to take effect January 1st, 1911.

Rev. Henry C. Funk accepted the call to the Sacramento English Lutheran Church, to take effect January 1st, 1911.

Rev. N. N. Harter accepted the call to the Church of our Saviour, Salinas, to take effect June 1st, 1911.

LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

With the approval of the Examining Committee, Herman R. Pontow was licensed by President Frederick, July 1st, 1910, the license to extend one year.

Later, on the recommendation of the Northern Conference, ordination was granted Mr. Pontow. The President commissioned Rev. H. Gehrcke to act in his place in the ordination service, which was conducted in St. Matthew's Church, of San Francisco, November 27th, 1910.

INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. Herman R. Pontow was installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Sanger, by his predecessor, Rev. John Gutleben, December 4th, 1910.

Rev. H. C. Funk was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, January 1st, 1911, by Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D., Rev. C. F. Oehler assisting.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

The corner-stone of Trinity Church, Long Beach, was laid with appropriate ceremonies, April 17th, 1910.

DEDICATION.

On September 4th, 1910, Trinity Church of Long Beach was formally dedicated by the pastor, Rev. D. J. Snyder, assisted by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D. The neighboring pastors, Revs. Herbert J. Weaver, C. W. Weiser and Jesse W. Ball, assisted in the evening service.

NEW CONGREGATION.

Under date of March 6th, 1911, Rev. W. J. Roehmer informed me that on the preceding Sunday he had organized a congregation at Barstow, sixteen miles from Fresno, with forty-nine charter members. The prospects are good for the addition of as many more in the near future. It is proposed to buy a few acres of ground and erect a church and parsonage. At present, this congregation is visited by Pastor Roehmer every other Sunday, in connection with his work in Fresno. This congregation applies for admission into the Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fresno.—On December 13th, 1910, I was requested to grant authority to Revs. O. H. Gruver and H. Gehrcke to adjust certain difficulties that had arisen between the Wartburg Church, of Fresno, and its pastor, Rev. W. J. Roehmer. The authority was granted, and the pastoral relation was dissolved, the resignation to take effect April 16th, 1911.

This manner of dealing with difficulties of this character is highly to be commended. Too often in dissolving the pastoral relation grave injustice is done either the retiring pastor or the congregation. In such cases, if a proper official or committee of the Synod could be brought to mediate between the contending parties, a great deal of bitterness and harm might easily be avoided.

Missions.—In order to avoid repetition in the reports, thus increasing the size and cost of our minutes unnecessarily, the matters pertaining especially to the mission congregations and missionary undertakings of the Synod will be found fully treated in the report of the Home Mission Committee. This report should, therefore, be considered as supplementary to the President's report.

The Printed Minutes.—In this connection, I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that our minutes are growing in bulk and in the cost of printing, perhaps unnecessarily. This is due, in part, to lengthy reports, but also to the fact that a number of items have commonly been discussed first in the President's report, then again in the report on the State of the Church, and again in the Home Mission report. Part of this repetition can hardly be avoided. Part of it is due to the fact that the reports of the Home Mission Committee and of the Committee on the State of the Church are made up from precisely the same body of information, gathered upon the same report blanks. If the Committee on the State of the Church were always to confine its report to the "spiritual status," leaving the material status to the other reports, there would be a resulting economy of time and expense to the Synod. Or it might be better still if these two reports were prepared from the replies to separate lists of questions.

Synodical Program.—I would call attention also to the fact that our Synodical programs are taking up subjects which might possibly be handled to better advantage at the respective conference meetings. Such subjects as those of the Sunday School Institute, the Lutheran Brotherhood and Young People's Societies are so important, and the business of Synod is so imperative in other respects, that we cannot, at one convention, give to all these the degree of attention they should receive. It is not unlikely, also, that matters pertaining to the Pacific Seminary will claim increas-

ing attention from year to year. I would respectfully suggest, therefore, that in the preparation of future programs of Synod the class of subjects referred to above be omitted, and that they be recommended to the respective conferences for that degree of earnest and thorough attention which their importance merits.

Visit of Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D.—It is with pleasure, and with gratitude to our Board of Education, that we have received into our churches and at this convention the General Secretary of our Board of Education, Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D. It is our earnest hope that his visit may witness the end of the period of mere discussion, and the inauguration of something definite and practicable for the opening of such a school as is needed.

In the discharge of the duties of this office, particularly in the effort to have the vacancies of the Synod filled in advance of this convention, a large correspondence has been inevitable. The expense involved was $4.40, a detailed statement of which is herewith submitted.

I now return to you, my brethren, an office, the duties of which were undertaken with much reluctance, because of the pressure of other duties, and my recent return to the Synod. May the Lord richly bless the labors of the past year and the deliberations of this convention to our profit and His greater glory.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE W. BALL,
Acting President.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Leisenring, and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, was received as an advisory member of Synod, and given the privilege of the floor.

On motion, the hours of the business sessions of the convention were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M., and 1.30 P. M. to 5 P. M.

The President announced committees as follows:

Committees.

President's Report—C. F. Oehler, R. W. Mottern.

Minutes of Conferences—D. J. Snyder, A. Jatho.

Excuse and Leave of Absence—G. H. Hillerman, H. R. Pontow.

Letters and Papers—C. W. Weiser, C. F. Oehler.

Budget of Traveling Expenses—W. J. Roehmer, R. W. Mottern.

Auditing Treasurer's Accounts—J. F. Reimer, E. E. Frey.

Auditing California Lutheran—T. M. Mieding, J. J. Chambers.

Sunday Schools—W. R. Swickard, H. C. Funk.

Young People's Societies—J. E. Hoick, J. W. Romich.

Lutheran Brotherhood—H. A. Getz, P. S. Leisenring, M. D., J. A. Bohn.

Minutes of Other Synods—H. S. Feix, A. P. Crim.

Resolutions—H. J. Weaver, W. E. Crouser.

Reporters: Observer—J. E. Hoick; *World*—C. W. Weiser; *Zionsbote*—H. R. Pontow.

The report of the Theological Seminary Committee was presented to Synod and was under consideration when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Rev. H. C. Funk led in prayer and Synod adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Hymn No. 428 was sung. Rev. J. J. Chambers led in prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was: "Sunday School Institute." A paper on "The Importance of the Sunday School" was read by Mr. H. A. Getz. A paper on "The Organization of the Sunday School," prepared by Mr. B. I. Valentine, was read by his pastor. The papers were commented on by the brethren, and Mr. H. A. Getz took charge of the round-table discussion which followed.

On the departure of Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., for the East, the following action was taken by Synod:

Resolved, That Synod express its thanks and appreciation to the Board of Education for their representation in the person of the Secretary, Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., and that the Synod express its confidence in Dr. Gotwald and the Board which he represents.

On motion, Chaplain S. M. Lutz, of the 8th Infantry, U. S. A., was introduced to Synod and made an advisory member and given the privilege of the floor.

The deferred report on Theological Seminary was now taken up and considered. The report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Mr. H. A. Getz.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service continued the Sunday School Institute. Addresses by Rev. H. C. Funk on "The Ideal Sunday School," and Rev. H. S. Feix on "The Ideal Teacher," were delivered. Revs. R. W. Mottern, J. J. Chambers, and G. H. Hillerman assisted in the service.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 8.30 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service was led by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. W. R. Swickard led in prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

Your committee, having compared the protocol with the original and printed minutes of Synod, find them carefully written, indexed and correct.

We note the following items:

1. A resolution of Synod authorizing a provisional opening of a theological seminary. Has this been done?

2. A resolution that the churches of our Synod organize Lutheran Brotherhoods, as recommended by our General Synod. Has this been done?

3. A resolution adopted by the Southern Conference, and referred to Synod for action was laid on the table. Will Synod take it from the table at this convention?

Respectfully submitted, WM. R. SWICKARD,
R. W. MOTTERN.

Item 1, answered, No.
Item 2, answered, In part.
Item 3, answered, Yes.
Adopted as a whole.

On motion, the resolution of the Southern Conference was taken up from the table and acted upon as follows:

Resolved, That we instruct the delegates of California Synod to the General Synod to request the Home Mission Board to use every effort to enter into a written agreement with the Home Mission Board of the General Council to continue the division of territory now recognized, and thus avoid needless competition and struggle of Lutheranism on the Pacific Coast.

Adopted.

Report on the "California Lutheran."

The staff elected at the last meeting of Synod to edit the *California Lutheran* during the year now closed submit the following report:

The members of the staff undertook the work assigned them with the purpose of giving to Synod the best paper possible. Letters and statements were sent to all pastors to secure their cooperation. Advertisements were sought from reliable business houses. Improvements and enlargements were planned, and other things spoken of. The result has been that eleven issues of the *California Lutheran* were published during the year—the August number being omitted. Quite a number of new advertisements were secured in San Francisco and elsewhere. Beginning with the September issue, the number of pages was reduced by four. And beginning with the February issue, fewer papers were ordered printed.

Some of these changes were not improvements, but the financial condition of the paper required them.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A debt burdened the paper when it came into our hands. There was $135.39 owing the printer and $50.00 due the editor of last year. To meet these bills there was in the treasury $6.72; owing from advertisements, $15.00, and an uncertain amount outstanding in subscriptions. The receipts from all sources during the year were $257.12. Of this amount, $5.00 was received from the Northern Conference, $104.70 from advertisements, and $147.42 from subscriptions. The disbursements to date were: to the Young Lutheran Company, for printing, $250.00. The liabilities to May 31st, 1911, are $168.14; of which amount $118.14 is owing the printer, and $50.00 the editor of last year.

The resources are these: Amount in the treasury, May 3d, 1911, $7.12. Advertisements due May 31st, 1911, $27.67. Subscriptions payable to May 31st, 1911, $93.35. Total, $128.14.

At the present time we are printing and mailing 400 copies of the paper each month, at a cost of $14.41. This is 150 less than at the beginning of the year, and at $6.39 less cost. This is too few, especially from the standpoint of the advertising department. This department of our work has been remarkably well cared for during the year by our efficient advertising manager. But the need of a larger subscription list is felt here greatly. The list ought to number 1,000 subscribers.

In planning for the new year, three things are essential for the greatest success of the paper. The first is the liquidation of the old debt. The second is a larger number of subscribers. The third is the enthusiastic support of all pastors. When these things are accomplished, the *California Lutheran* will be placed on a firm basis. But unless an honest effort is made to realize these things, it would seem useless to continue our Synodical paper any longer. It is before this Synod to decide what disposition shall be made of it. If nothing is done to remove the debt, to enlarge the subscription list, and to remedy the apathy of the pastors, then the present staff is unwilling to assume again the responsibility of another year's editing and managing of the *California Lutheran.*

Respectfully submitted for the staff, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, while we appreciate the able manner in which the

California Lutheran has been edited and managed, and extend our hearty thanks to all who have contributed time and talent to make it a success, we discontinue the paper with the May issue, and pay all the indebtedness, each congregation paying what is due on subscriptions and the Synodical Treasurer the balance.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to gather, edit and transmit notes of interest regarding our California churches to the Church papers.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was presented and adopted. (See Appendices B. and C.)

Resolved, That the per capita apportionment of California Synod for 1911-1912 be placed as follows:

General Synod	$0.02
Synodical Treasury	.14
Home Missions	.35
Foreign Missions	.30
Church Extension	.20
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.05
Pastors' Fund	.07
Deaconess Board	.09
Home for the Aged	.05
Tabitha Home	.03
California Home Missions	.10
California Church Extension	.05
California Educational Institution	.50
Total	$2.15

Report of Archivist.

In addition to the articles reported last year, there are, in the archives of Synod, two bound copies of the minutes for the first twenty years, the gift of Rev. O. H. Gruver, and a complete file of the *California Lutheran* for the year.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee have examined the President's report and find no fault with it. The President is to be commended for having performed so well the duties of both the offices of Secretary and President, amid urgent pastoral duties at home.

We recommend that discussion on Sunday school work and kindred subjects during session of Synod be limited to two hours each.

We recommend that the President's expenses, amounting to $4.40, be paid by the Treasurer of Synod; also a bill of $6.25, for printing of Synodical programs.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. OEHLER,
R. W. MOTTERN.

Considered *seriatim*.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

A comparison of the state of the Church at present with that existing at the last convention of Synod reveals advancement in the active operations and spirit of work. Financially, we note that communicant pro rata contributions for all local expenses is $29.85 for this year, an increase of 268 per cent. over the previous year. Numerically, we note a loss of 19 in communicant membership, with 167 catechumens taught.

We note 23,139 Sunday school pupils, with an average attendance of about 60 per cent. We have 21 Ladies' Aid Societies, 23 Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, 6 Men's Leagues. We herewith notice that the financial progress of the Church is due largely to its efficient social organization. The slow advance numerically is due rather to the indifference of Lutherans coming into the State, and the non-churched, than to the members in the Church.

The spiritual state is strong in parts, but deplorably weak in others. Brotherly love is marked towards those within the Church, and strong efforts are made to save the unchurched. We note, however, a deplorable lack of Bible study, family worship, and interest in catechetical study. Church attendance and general activity is hindered much by love of worldly pursuits and pleasure. But a comparison with the history of other Synods reveals the fact that the state of grace of our California churches is on a par with any others, although falling far short of our ideals as based on Holy Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WEISER,
A. JATHO,
W. J. ROEHMER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Other Synods.

Having examined the reports of other Synods submitted to us by the President, we find nothing demanding the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX,
A. P. CRIM.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

Your committee had no occasion to meet during the year, or to do more than authorize the payment of the $200.00 appropriated by the last convention of Synod to aid St. Mark's in the erection of their new church building.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
H. A. GETZ,
J. A. BOHN.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the condition placed on Christ congregation, Alameda, viz., that the location of their church be changed, be withdrawn and the offer of $200.00 continue in force.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. S. Feix.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.
Mr. J. A. Bohn led in prayer.
Roll was called.
The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The cause of temperance has been carried forward during the last year with renewed zeal. At present 45,000,000 people of the land, one-half of the inhabitants, are living in territory in which the sale of liquor has been prohibited by law.

In Nebraska the temperance people succeeded in electing a Governor in favor of county local option. In Illinois signal victories have been gained; 70 of the 92 counties of the State are now dry.

Though there were apparent defeats in Missouri and Oregon, in the former there are still 59 counties wholly dry, with a population of 1,000,000 people; in the latter, 15 out of the 33 counties are dry.

In our own State, unprecedented gains have been made. Signal victories were won in the last legislature by the passing of the "Local Option" and the "Recall" bills. We therefore recommend to pastors and people that every effort be put forth to exterminate, in legitimate ways, the great liquor evil.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER,
J. J. CHAMBERS.

Adopted.

The Committee on Theological Seminary presented their amended report as follows:

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following report:

In view of the fact that six students for the ministry are reported to Synod, and that these young men would probably be lost for the ministry unless instruction be provided for them at an early date and upon the territory of the Synod, be it

1. *Resolved,* That the Synod of California inaugurate the establishment of a collegiate institution or preparatory school on our territory providing a course of training preparatory to entering the Theological Seminary.

2. *Resolved,* That we make every effort toward securing funds for this work, by apportioning Synod fifty cents per member, and by soliciting special gifts from individuals.

3. *Resolved,* That we petition the Board of Education to assist us, financially and by counsel, in the establishment and maintenance of the school above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER,
W. E. CROUSER,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Considered *seriatim.*

Adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That we thank Mr. L. R. Garrett for his liberal offer of five acres of land in Hollywood for educational purposes, and ask him to hold the offer open for one year.

Adopted.

Resolved, That we thank Mr. H. R. O'Brien, in Monterey, for his offer of a tract of land in Monterey County for a proposed educational institution; that we regret our inability to accept the offer at the present time, and that we ask him to hold open the offer for another year. Also, that the thanks of Synod be extended to Chaplain Lutz for his efforts in the matter.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

In the minutes of the Southern Conference we find nothing that requires the attention of Synod. The minutes of the Northern Conference have not been submitted.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER,
A. JATHO.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your committee have examined with care the reports received from the various missions and find them to be, in general, quite encouraging. In nearly all a commendable increase in membership is reported. The benevolence has been raised, frequently with excess. Old debts have been reduced or canceled in five instances. In several other instances important improvements have been made to the properties. The Treasurer of the Home Mission Board has been relieved of the outlay for three of the missions during a considerable part of the year, owing to vacancies in the pastorates. Nine other missions have reduced the aid received by amounts ranging from $20.00 to $140.00. This honor roll includes the missions at Alameda, Fresno, Redlands, Riverside, Pasadena, Long Beach, San Diego, San José and San Francisco (St. Matthew's). Three missions increased the pastor's salary. Two churches have erected buildings during the year, a third is now engaged in building, and a fourth is gathering funds for the same purpose.

The report in detail is as follows:

San Diego.—This mission reports a net increase of 7 in membership, good attendance at public services, a well-organized Sunday school and Young People's Society, growing benevolence, and generally satisfactory financial condition. The debt in current expenses has been reduced, as well as the Board's appropriation. Specially worthy of note is the fact that four students for the ministry are reported. The Board's appropriation is $300.00.

Oakland.—This mission has been without a regular pastor during almost the entire year. Notwithstanding it reports increased mem-

bership, benevolence paid in full, a good Sunday school, and a reduction of debt amounting to $500.00. The mission was supplied during the year by Rev. E. G. Lund, D. D., and Rev. O. H. Gruver, the former pastor.

San José.—A commendable gain in communicant membership is reported from San José. The benevolence has been paid in full, and various improvements have been made to the property, amounting in all to $575.00. The Board's appropriation to this field is $425.00. Rev. J. E. Hoick is the faithful pastor.

Riverside.—Trinity Church reports a communicant membership of 72, an increase of 10. The total contributions for all objects amount to over $1,045.00. A reduction of $50.00 in the appropriation of the Home Mission Board has been made, leaving the present appropriation $400.00, in addition to the Synod's appropriation of $100.00. We rejoice in the splendid development under the leadership of Pastor Mottern, and hope to see continued progress toward self-support.

Pasadena.—Trinity Church of Pasadena, Rev. C. W. Weiser, pastor, is worthy of special honor for again reducing the amount of aid received from the Home Mission Board by $50.00, in addition to increasing its pastor's salary by a like amount. Three hundred dollars was paid on church debt. We regret to note a falling off in communicant membership, a loss which, however, is more apparent than real, since there appears to be an increase in confirmed membership. The Home Mission Board is now appropriating $450.00 to this mission.

San Francisco.—St. Matthew's, Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor, reports 94 communicant members, an increase of 7. The total contributions for all objects reached the sum of $2,686.45. The Home Mission appropriation was reduced $40.00. A strong Luther League and large Aid and Missionary Societies are important features of the work of this church.

St. Andrew's.—The membership reported by Pastor A. Jatho is the same as one year ago, namely, 55. Over $900.00 was contributed for all objects during the year. With the increased population in the North Beach district, this mission feels much encouraged. The Home Mission Board aids this mission to the extent of $450.00.

Alameda.—Christ Church, Rev. H. S. Feix, pastor, reports increased membership, the apportionment for benevolence paid in full for the first time in many years, and current expenses paid promptly. The Home Mission aid was reduced by $20.00. The attendance at services has increased, and the congregation is now engaged in raising funds to rebuild the church and add a Sunday

school room. The Home Mission Board appropriates to Alameda $380.00.

Sanger.—St. Paul's, Rev. H. R. Pontow reports a larger communicant membership than one year ago, benevolent contributions of over $50.00, and total contributions of $430.72. A good Sunday school is maintained. Rev. Pontow has done faithful and efficient work. This mission receives $300.00 from the Home Mission Board, in addition to the $100.00 appropriated by the Synod.

Redlands.—Rev. Wm. R. Swickard reports an increase in membership, benevolence paid with excess, missionary aid reduced by $50.00, and one student for the ministry. The Home Mission aid is now $550.00.

Fresno, Wartburg.—This church became vacant by the resignation of Pastor W. J. Roehmer, April 16th. The church reports 52 infant baptisms, 1 adult baptism, and 8 confirmations during the year, but a loss of 69 members, owing to some internal dissension. The present communicant membership is 200. The appropriation of the Home Mission Board is now $360.00.

Long Beach.—Trinity Church, of Long Beach, bids fair to rank among the best and strongest churches of the Synod. Though a new church building was erected and completely furnished during the year, the benevolence has been paid with excess, and the aid received from the Home Mission Board reduced by $60.00. Total expenses for the year were $4,256.40. The people are united and in earnest. Rev. D. J. Snyder is the active and efficient pastor. The present appropriation of the Home Mission Board is $640.00.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Rev. J. W. Ball, pastor, added a Lutheran Brotherhood of 12 members to the working force of the church. The benevolence has been paid with excess, and street improvement amounting to over $70.00 has been paid for. Early in the year plans were begun for the new church, the corner-stone of which has recently been laid. It was found impossible to get the loan from the Board of Church Extension contemplated by the Synod one year ago, but instead the Board induced the Women's Executive Committee to provide the interest on $2,500.00 for five years, the loan being negotiated in Los Angeles. Our own Building Fund now totals over $2,700.00, and will probably reach $3,000.00 before dedication. Practically all the windows, pews and pulpit and altar furniture have been secured by private donation as special gifts. Although the confirmation this year was obliged to be postponed, an increase of 9 in the membership is reported. The Home Mission Board's appropriation is $700.00, but this will soon be reduced.

Salinas.—The Church of our Saviour has been without a pastor

since the retirement of Rev. S. W. Young, January 31st, 1911. Rev. N. N. Harter, of Eden, Pa., has been elected pastor, and will be on the field June 1st. The salary has been increased $100.00, without additional aid from the Home Mission Board, and $50.00 promised on moving expenses.

Santa Barbara.—Grace Church has been without a pastor since November 1st, 1910. The Secretary and Acting President of Synod visited the congregation February 5th, and found a united and hopeful people. A pastor was called later, but the call has been declined. The difficulty of securing a pastor has had a discouraging effect upon the congregation, but every effort is being made to find a suitable man for the field at the earliest possible date.

San Bernardino, Rev. J. W. Romich, pastor, shows an increase of 16 in communicant membership, total contributions of $1,396.11, and flourishing Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and Aid and Missionary Societies. The debt has been reduced by $790.00. The Home Mission Board appropriates to this mission $600.00.

Alpaugh.—This, the youngest of our missions, has increased in membership 33 1/3 per cent. The attendance at public service is exceptionally good, the benevolence has been paid with excess and about $1,200.00 has been given for all objects. The new church is about ready for dedication. The Rev. J. J. Chambers is doing faithful and efficient work. The Home Mission Board appropriates $400.00, an increase of $100.00.

La Crescenta.—Rev. M. F. Rinker conducted services here from January 16th to August 7th, 1910, covering a territory of nearly 20 square miles, with very little remuneration. Owing to the impossibility of securing a church property, Bro. Rinker retired from the field and the work was closed. For the same reason he declined to accept the aid voted by the Synod last year, and returned to the Treasurer of the Synod a check for $25.00, to which he was justly entitled. Your committee are of the opinion that this money should be repaid to Bro. Rinker.

Phœnix, Ariz.—Under appointment of the President of Synod, as authorized by the Synod one year ago, Rev. C. W. Weiser visited this field during September. Owing to the fact that the Synodical conference had just placed a man in the field, it was thought, by those interested in our proposed mission, that it would be unwise to attempt an organization at that time. Since then, however, your committee has received a communication, signed by J. F. Westberg, Benj. Peterson and De Witt Wise, stating that conditions are so changed that a thorough canvass of the field should be made, with a view to effecting an organization. Accordingly they petition this honorable body to send a man into Phœnix to canvass the field

thoroughly, and, if the result justifies it, to effect an organization. We have reason to believe that the Home Mission Board will take up Phœnix, if a sufficient nucleus can be found.

New fields in the sunset district of San Francisco and the San Pedro district of Los Angeles were partially canvassed during the year by Rev. H. S. Feix and Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., respectively, but no permanent result has been possible in either field.

State Missionary.—The desirability of a State missionary has again been demonstrated by the vacancies that have occurred during the year. Two of our missions without pastors have dispensed with regular services in spite of every effort to persuade them to accept such supplies as were available. The one declined such services because it was impossible to pay for them without Home Mission aid, the other because such services are deemed unsatisfactory. An official of the Synod, whose duty it would be to supply such vacancies as these, in addition to exploring new fields, and whose support would be drawn from the Synod, or from the Synod and the Home Mission Board, is much to be desired for the proper care of missions such as these. It is physically impossible for the President of Synod, or even for the Presidents of the Conferences, to accomplish much in such instances, in addition to the pressing demands of their own fields. But such an official of the Synod could fill the breach in a pastorless mission until a pastor could be secured.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We earnestly recommend:

1. That the Home Mission Committee be authorized to arrange for a thorough canvass of Phœnix, Ariz., with a view to effecting an organization in that important center, and that a canvass be made of Glendale and vicinity, and a mission be organized, if conditions warrant.

2. That further steps be taken toward placing a Synodical missionary in the field, whose support shall be borne by the Synod and the Home Mission Board combined, if such an arrangement can be effected with the Board.

3. While our churches have nobly endeavored to relieve the embarrassed condition of the treasury of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, not only by direct and special gifts through the missionary societies, but also by reducing the amount of aid asked for in many instances, we believe that further reductions are possible. Accordingly, we recommend that all the missions make special efforts during this

year to reduce their appropriations, thus assuming a larger degree of their own support.

4. We recommend that the following appropriations be paid from the Synodical Home Mission Fund:

Rev. M. F. Rinker, for work at La Crescenta	$25.00
Sanger, for quarter ending March 31st, 1911	25.00
Sanger, for one year to March 31st, 1912, on condition that a parsonage be built	100.00
Rev. W. J. Roehmer, expense for work in Barstow	25.00
Santa Barbara, one year	120.00
	$295.00

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER.

Considered *seriatim*.

Adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service was in charge of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, and was their Twentieth Anniversary Service.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 8.30 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service was conducted by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. W. Mottern.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Report of Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood.

Your Committee on the Lutheran Brotherhood is practically composed of two committees, one being responsible for the North-

ern Conference, and the other for the Southern Conference. We report 4 Lutheran Brotherhoods in the Southern Conference, 2 in the Northern. They have been the means of a closer relation between the men of the congregation and in developing some backward, indifferent male members of the church into more contented, earnest and active members. Unfortunate members have been comforted and aided. Joining the Lutheran Brotherhood has been the first and easiest step towards joining the church with some men whose wives only were members of the church. A reception by one Brotherhood was given to the young men and boys of the church in the shape of a supper, including several toasts, all of which dwelt at some length on the thought that "Life is most worth living to him whose *work* is most worth while," and the call to the ministry was not overlooked. Every well-regulated Lutheran Brotherhood has a Laymen's Missionary Committee, or devotes a good portion of a number of business sessions to the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

1. To set a goal to reach, in the benevolences of the Church, *above* the small amounts known as "Our Apportionment."
2. Conducts educational campaign for missions.
3. Secures weekly subscriptions towards the benevolence of the Church through the duplex envelope system, which is the only fair basis for a member to estimate his ability and his privilege.

We close our report urging every congregation to organize a Lutheran Brotherhood, and again offer our services to this end, in any or all of the congregations in the California Synod. It can truly be said of the Lutheran Brotherhood:

1. It enlists lay activity.
2. Reinforces pastors' efforts.
3. Stimulates spiritual life.
4. Provides great opportunity for service.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. GETZ.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Young People's Societies would report that hopeful progress has characterized the work of the young people during the past year. Five additional societies have been organized, with an increase of 107 members. A marked increase is also to be noted in the contributions of the young people, the sum of $1,901.34 having been raised for local and benevolent purposes, being an increase of $635.58.

A District Convention is held each year on the territory of the

Northern Conference, and a part of the program of the Southern Conference is given over to the interests of the young people.

We rejoice in the evidence of increased usefulness among the young people, and pledge them our sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
J. W. ROMICH.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report six prospective candidates for the ministry. For aiding in ministerial education the sum of $65.44 has been contributed during the past year. We recommend the continuance of the apportionment of five cents per member for ministerial education and the conservation of this fund for the future.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
D. J. SNYDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

The Committee on Examination for the Ministry would report that there came to it an application for the ordination of Mr. Herman Pontow, who had been called to the pastorate of Sanger.

Later, at a meeting of the Northern Conference of the Synod, under authority of Article XI, Section 2, of the Synodical Constitution, a resolution was adopted urging the immediate ordination of the brother. Upon the strength of this action the ordination took place, under the instruction of the President of Synod, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

We have before us an application of membership into California Synod by the newly-organized congregation at Barstow Colony, near Fresno, Rev. W. J. Roehmer, pastor. This congregation has adopted the constitution of the General Synod, and we recommend that the application be granted.

We have a letter of greeting from the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and also from the Pastors' Fund Society. We recommend that they be read to Synod.

We have a letter of cordial greeting from Rev. Emil Meyer, of

San José, delegate of the Pacific Synod, in which he regrets his inability to attend our Synod, and conveys to us the greetings of that body. We recommend that Synod, through its Secretary, thank him for his greetings.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. OEHLER,
C. W. WEISER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Synod that the departure of the International Sunday School Committee in going outside of God's word for lesson material for its graded departments be deeply deplored.

2. *Resolved,* That in view of the fact that there is much inefficiency among many of our teachers, and in order that it may be speedily overcome, therefore this Synod urge each Bible school to organize a teacher-training class, using the Lutheran Teacher-Training Course provided by our Publication House.

Respectfully submitted, WM. R. SWICKARD,
H. C. FUNK.

Considered *seriatim.*

Amended, and adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee would report that there came to it requests to be excused from attendance on this convention of Synod from the following brethren, and we recommend that they be excused:

Revs. S. W. Young, J. S. Moser, W. S. Hoskinson, J. C. Pedersen, M. F. Rinker, J. A. B. Scherer, H. Gehrcke, W. Brandes, J. Gutleben. Messrs. J. R. Callister, J. W. Fricke, E. Gustafson, Carl Hildinger.

Rev. A. Jatho was given leave of absence from one session of Synod, and Mr. J. A. Bohn was excused from Synod before its close.

The following are absent from this convention without excuse known to the committee: Revs. L. C. Routzahn, Lutz Horn, Messrs. James Poppert, Paul Boehme, J Ohlemutz.

The following were absent from sessions of Synod without excuse: Revs. C. W. Weiser, W. J. Roehmer, H. R. Pontow, Messrs. E. E. Frey, A. P. Crim.

It is to be regretted that there is no way by which compulsory

attendance can be had on the sessions of Synod until the work of the convention is completed.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that the Secretary write Revs. L. C. Routzahn and Lutz Horn, inquiring their wishes as to membership in Synod.

Report of Auditing Committees.

Your committee, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, report that we have carefully examined the books, and checked up the vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. REIMER,
ELMER FREY.

Adopted.

Your committee have examined the cash accounts of the *California Lutheran,* and compared the receipts, and have found the amounts reported by the business manager to be correct.

Respectfully submitted, THEO. M. MIEDING,
J. J. CHAMBERS.

Adopted.

On motion, Rev. O. H. Gruver was authorized to receive moneys and to close up the accounts of the *California Lutheran.*

On motion, the present editorial staff will get out the May issue of the *California Lutheran.*

Report of Delegate to Pacific Synod.

As delegate to the Pacific Synod, I am glad to report that your delegate has been most cordially received. The greetings of the California Synod were heard with pleasure, and I was instructed to transmit to this Synod the assurance of brotherly love on the part of the Pacific Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. ROEHMER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Budget of Traveling Expenses.

The committee reported that the traveling expenses had been pooled, and each pastorate asked to pay share and share alike.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, In connection with the reports of the various committees of Synod appropriate resolutions have been passed already covering almost every phase of our religious activities, your committee herewith submit only the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That we hereby express our gratitude to Rev. Oscar H. Gruver for his gift of two bound volumes of the printed minutes, covering the first twenty years of our Synodical history.

2. *Resolved,* That we express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the First Lutheran Church of San Diego for their generous hospitality and splendid entertainment of Synod; also to the choir for their appropriate and artistic music.

3. *Resolved,* That the Treasurer of Synod pay Rev. J. W. Ball $25.00 for his services as Recording Secretary, and the janitor of this church $5.00 for services rendered Synod.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. W. Ball.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Hymn No. 402 was sung and prayer offered by Rev. H. R. Pontow.

Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The order of the afternoon session was a paper on "Catechisation and Evangelization," by Rev. J. J. Chambers.

General discussion followed.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of holding evangelistic services in our churches, and, if favorably decided, to endeavor to arrange with a Lutheran evangelist for this purpose.

Report of Committee on New Constitution.

The committee brought in their report and the constitution was considered article by article.

The constitution pending, the hour of adjournment arrived.

On motion, adjournment was taken to 6.30 P. M.

Rev. C. W. Weiser led in prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 6.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. A. Jatho led in prayer.

Roll-call was dispensed with.

Minutes were read and approved.

Consideration of the constitution was resumed. The by-laws were also taken up and considered.

On motion, the constitution was adopted as read and amended.

On motion, it was ordered that 300 copies of the new constitution be printed.

The following action was taken relative to the new congregation at Barstow:

Resolved, That Synod endorse the application of the Barstow congregation to the Board of Church Extension for a loan of $500.00.

Election of Officers.

President appointed Messrs. Reimer, Meiding, and Rev. Pontow, tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

President—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.

Vice-President—Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Recording Secretary—Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Archivist—Rev. W. E. Crouser.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Treasurer—P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Directors of the California Educational Institution.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, Rev. H. J. Weaver, Rev. O. H. Gruver, Rev. C. F. Oehler, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Rev.

J. W. Ball, Mr. J. A. Bohn, Mr. H. A. Getz, Mr. J. W. Fricke.

On motion, it was resolved that when Synod adjourn it adjourn to meet in October, 1912.

On motion, it was resolved that the apportionment be reckoned on the year and one-half basis.

On motion, it was resolved to print 600 copies of the minutes of this convention to be distributed pro rata of communicant membership.

On motion, it was resolved that the President of Synod send greetings by letter to Pacific Synod.

On motion, it was resolved to meet in St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, October, 1912.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned, with prayer by the President.

EVENING SERVICE.

The evening service was devoted to Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. E. Hoick delivered the address on "The Evangelization of the World."

Revs. G. H. Hillerman, W. R. Swickard, and C. F. Oehler assisted in the service.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

Congregations.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasurer.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Grand Total.	Excess.	Deficit.	Bay City Fund.
To balance		$43 53								$1 00			$498 64	$86 15	$629 32			$250 00
Alameda	$1 00	5 00	$15 00	$13 00	$8 00	$8 00	$1 34	$3 00		4 00	$2 00	$1 00	11 00	2 00	74 34		$0 66	
Alpaugh	1 00	4 00	14 07	10 00	8 50	7 00	2 00	2 00		3 00	2 00	1 00	8 00	2 00	64 57	$3 57		
Fresno		10 00	18 40												28 40		448 60	
Long Beach	1 00	6 00	18 76	15 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	4 00	$3 28	5 00	3 00	2 00	13 00	3 00	97 04	4 04		
Los Angeles, First	10 00	37 00	141 00	223 00	68 00	68 00	20 00	24 00		32 00	18 00	15 00	111 00	20 00	787 00	186 00		
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1 00	5 00	17 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	3 00		4 00	2 00	1 00	12 00	2 00	83 00			
Oakland	2 00	9 00	27 00	23 00	16 00	16 00	4 00	5 00		7 00	4 00	2 00	20 00	4 00	139 00			
Pasadena	1 00	7 00	23 00	20 00	13 00	13 00	3 00	5 00		6 00	3 00	2 00	17 00	3 00	116 00			
Redlands		6 00	19 00	16 00	11 00	11 00	3 00	4 00		5 00	3 00	3 00	14 00	3 00	98 00			
Riverside	1 24	7 00	22 00	19 00	12 40	12 40	3 10	4 34		6 00	3 10	5 00	10 00	3 10	114 68	4 68		
Sacramento, Pirst		10 00	30 00										11 00		51 00		181 00	
Sacramento, German	6 00	34 00	109 00	94 00	62 00	52 00	16 00			1 00		15 00	78 00	16 00	492 00		60 00	1 00
San Bernardino	1 00	7 00	18 25	8 00	5 80	5 00		5 30		1 25	2 20	8 00			61 80		24 20	
San Diego	2 00	10 00	32 00	78 00	18 00	18 00	5 00	6 00		8 00	5 00	6 00	23 00	5 00	216 00	53 00		
Sanger			8 00	11 00	12 02	4 05		10 00		3 00			2 65		50 72		129 28	
Salinas		2 90	10 00	10 00	10 00								7 00		39 90		53 10	
San Francisco, First	4 00	20 00	63 00	54 00	20 00	20 00		13 00							194 00		115 00	
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	4 00	10 00	30 00	26 00	17 00	17 00		6 00		8 00	4 00	3 00			125 00		28	
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	3 00	6 00	19 00	9 00	8 00	6 00		1 00		2 00	1 00	2 00	14 00	3 00	74 00		25 00	
Santa Barbara	2 00		10 00	3 00	3 00			2 00							20 00		22 00	
San José	1 00	7 00	23 00	20 00	13 00	13 00	3 00	5 00		6 00	3 00	2 00	17 00	3 00	116 00			
Rev. Weiser													25 00		25 00			
Amount received	$41 24	$246 53	$667 48	$666 00	$325 72	$290 45	$65 44	$102 64	$3 28	$111 25	$55 30	$68 00	$898 29	$155 25	$3696 87	$251 29	$1059 12	$251 00
Amount paid out	35 24	237 49	667 48	482 55	325 72	290 45		102 64	3 28	111 25	55 30	68 00	715 33		3094 73			
Difference	$6 00	$9 04		$183 45									$182 96		$381 45			

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer*

Churches.	Communicant Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Collegiate Institute.	Totals by Congregations.
Alameda	51	$2	$11	$27	$23	$15	$15	$5	$6	$8	$5	$3	$8	$5	$39	$172
Alpaugh	44	2	9	23	20	13	13	3	5	6	3	2	6	3	33	141
Barstow	46	2	9	24	21	14	14	3	5	6	3	2	8	3	35	149
Fresno	200	6	42	105	90	60	60	15	21	27	15	9	30	15	150	645
Long Beach	64	2	14	33	29	19	19	5	6	9	5	3	9	5	48	206
Los Angeles, First	369	11	78	194	167	111	111	27	39	50	27	17	56	27	278	1193
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	50	2	11	27	23	15	15	5	6	8	5	3	8	5	38	171
Oakland	78	3	17	41	35	23	23	6	8	11	6	3	12	6	59	253
Pasadena	54	2	12	29	24	16	16	5	6	8	5	3	8	5	41	180
Redlands	55	2	12	29	26	17	17	5	6	8	5	3	9	5	42	186
Riverside	72	2	15	38	33	22	22	6	8	9	6	3	11	6	54	235
Sacramento, First	80	3	17	45	36	24	24	6	9	11	6	3	12	6	60	262
Sacramento, German	311	9	66	164	140	93	93	24	33	42	24	14	47	24	234	1007
Salinas	50	2	11	27	23	15	15	5	6	8	5	3	8	5	38	171
San Bernardino	65	2	14	35	30	20	20	5	8	9	5	3	11	5	50	217
San Diego	95	3	20	50	44	29	29	8	11	14	8	5	15	8	72	316
San Francisco, First	182	6	38	96	83	55	55	14	20	24	14	8	27	14	137	591
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	94	3	20	50	42	28	28	8	11	12	8	5	14	8	71	308
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	55	2	12	29	26	17	17	5	6	8	5	3	9	5	42	186
Sanger	105	3	23	56	48	32	32	8	11	14	8	5	17	8	80	345
San José	76	3	17	41	35	23	23	6	8	11	6	3	12	6	57	251
Santa Barbara	20	1	5	11	9	6	6	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	15	69
Totals by Objects	2216	$73	$473	$1174	$1007	$667	$667	$176	$241	$306	$176	$105	$340	$176	$1673	$7254

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																						
								Losses.			Accessions.								Finances.					
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.	See line with corresponding No. on page below.
H. S. Feix	Alameda	Christ	1	..	2	..	5	3	1	5	21	...	5	2	13	51	74	169	$4000 00	.....	$916 80	.....	1
J. J. Chambers	Alpaugh	First	1	..	2	..	2	...	...	1	3	2	4	6	...	44	44	58	4000 00	$1675 00	455 08	$3150 98	2
W. J. Roehmer	Fresno	Wartburg	1	1	..	..	8	...	...	69	52	1	8	...	...	200	239	639	7000 00	1250 00	500 00	400 00	3
M. F. Rinker (Supply)	La Crescenta	No organization	..	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	98 16	.....	4
D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	.	2	..	9	...	...	17	2	...	9	9	13	64	73	103	10500 00	4175 00	1157 60	3001 76	5
H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	3	1	19	8	24	3	27	1	17	16	30	369	607	800	84000 00	11140 00	3898 00	675 00	6
J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	7	1	6	3	12	3	...	6	10	50	67	113	6200 00	4200 00	512 23	1588 24	7
O. H. Gruver (Supply)	Oakland	First	1	..	1	..	9	...	4	7	8	...	...	15	...	78	141	175	28000 00	7500 00	925 00	1065 00	8
C. W. Weiser	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	1	..	10	1	3	14	5	...	...	8	8	54	91	115	10000 00	1950 00	672 49	301 00	9
W. R. Swickard	Redlands	First	1	1	2	1	5	2	4	18	7	...	7	17	3	55	71	155	8000 00	.....	1241 27	.....	10
R. W. Mottern	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	1	..	13	...	2	...	3	2	1	3	6	72	86	106	6000 00	.....	756 67	.....	11
H. C. Funk	Sacramento	First	1	..	1	..	...	2	3	84	5	...	3	...	6	80	150	250	20000 00	2000 00	1392 00	150 00	12
C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	24	7	...	12	34	...	18	...	...	311	602	1071	60000 00	.....	3974 67	24000 00	13
Vacant	Salinas	Our Saviour	1	..	1	..	...	...	...	...	10	3	4	...	6	50	68	112	4500 00	1750 00	191 67	288 50	14
J. W. Romich	San Bernardino	First	1	..	2	..	5	...	...	3	...	7	...	11	6	65	77	138	6300 00	3000 00	1101 21	206 10	15
G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1	..	3	4	12	...	6	9	15	...	3	7	12	95	138	204	20000 00	2395 00	1588 00	14 00	16
W. E. Crouser	San Francisco	First	1	..	2	..	11	2	1	...	6	...	11	5	...	182	424	519	60000 00	6327 33	3046 15	1938 15	17
H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	...	..	10	3	...	...	30	...	7	3	...	94	146	217	42000 00	12355 00	1438 40	1078 20	18
A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	...	..	...	2	...	1	5	...	...	...	3	55	107	171	16500 00	2500 00	580 20	170 45	19
H. Pontow	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	...	..	6	...	...	9	13	...	6	6	...	105	105	230	2090 00	500 00	330 00	50 00	20
J. E. Hoick	San José	Grace	1	..	3	..	12	...	2	7	13	2	11	4	1	76	136	170	20000 00	500 00	900 00	493 46	21
Vacant	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	1	20	43	58	7000 00	916 00	163 00	172 00	22
Totals for 1911			21	3	31	6	167	31	56	262	281	14	114	120	118	2170	3489	5573	426090 00	64133 33	25938 60	38742 84	23
Totals for 1910			21	1	30	4	277	33	60	105	238	14	198	199	93	2189	3472	5380	403955 00	63159 44	24358 91	10025 51	24
Gain			..	2	1	2	...	...	...	157	43	...	...	...	25	...	17	193	22135 00	973 89	1579 69	28717 33	25
Loss			...	...	...	...	110	2	6	...	...	...	84	79	...	19	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	26

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	12	162	$150 00	$60 00	5	70	$142 00	$85 00	$1 00	$5 00	$15 00	$13 00	$8 00	$8 00	$2 00	$24 00	$3 00	$1 00	$4 00	$2 00	$1 00	$21 50	$108 50	$1025 30
2	1	16	60	52 17	7 58	1	17	4 29	.....	1 00	4 00	22 07	10 00	8 50	7 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 50	65 07	3671 13
3	1	15	200	.....	.....	1	48	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 40	920 40
4	1	5	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 16
5	1	13	61	94 81	28 63	1	20	47 00	.....	1 00	6 00	18 76	15 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	.....	4 00	3 28	5 00	3 00	2 00	16 00	97 04	4256 40
6	1	30	360	330 00	183 00	3	55	26 00	123 00	10 00	37 00	252 00	323 00	428 00	68 00	20 00	282 00	32 00	.....	52 00	18 00	18 00	460 00	2000 00	6573 00
7	1	10	110	102 58	29 55	1	14	56 80	4 40	1 00	5 00	29 00	14 00	12 00	10 00	2 00	37 70	3 00	.....	4 00	2 00	6 00	33 50	159 20	2259 67
8	1	19	115	196 16	58 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	9 00	47 00	23 00	20 00	16 00	4 00	13 45	5 00	.....	7 00	4 00	2 00	.....	152 45	2142 45
9	1	6	57	28 75	50 00	2	25	.....	8 00	1 00	7 00	40 00	20 00	16 00	13 00	3 00	39 00	5 00	.....	6 00	3 00	2 00	22 00	177 00	1150 49
10	1	16	60	126 00	15 00	3	64	75 00	.....	1 00	6 00	33 00	16 00	11 00	11 00	3 00	86 00	4 00	.....	5 00	3 00	2 00	7 00	188 00	1429 27
11	1	17	110	54 07	26 24	1	45	23 80	15 80	1 24	7 00	38 00	19 00	15 50	12 40	3 10	136 20	4 34	.....	6 00	3 10	5 00	40 00	290 88	1047 55
12	1	12	75	50 00	5 00	1	26	45 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	33 00	.....	11 00	4 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	166 00	1708 00
13	1	22	240	282 00	152 00	1	85	190 00	30 00	6 00	34 00	187 00	94 00	78 00	52 00	16 00	237 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	15 00	75 00	804 00	28778 67
14	1	7	30	18 20	5 00	1	50	93 00	5 00	.....	2 90	17 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 90	520 07
15	1	11	104	99 98	5 00	1	22	43 00	.....	1 00	6 00	17 00	8 00	12 00	5 00	.....	29 60	2 20	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	88 80	1396 11
16	1	19	182	199 75	99 47	2	59	13 95	86 26	2 00	10 00	55 00	78 00	43 00	18 00	5 00	59 00	6 00	.....	8 00	5 00	6 00	25 00	320 00	1922 00
17	1	15	135	376 90	39 02	1	50	92 14	4 75	4 00	20 00	63 00	54 00	20 00	20 00	.....	62 25	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00	431 25	5415 55
18	1	14	75	190 55	31 50	1	54	316 10	313 15	4 00	10 00	30 00	26 00	17 00	17 00	.....	29 85	6 00	.....	8 00	4 00	3 00	15 00	169 85	2286 45
19	1	4	36	73 20	19 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	6 00	33 00	9 00	11 00	6 00	.....	82 05	1 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	156 05	906 70
20	1	8	76	10 00	7 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 65	11 00	12 02	4 05	.....	.....	10 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	50 72	430 72
21	1	12	68	71 55	36 49	2	25	13 10	26 80	1 00	7 00	40 00	20 00	16 00	13 00	3 00	61 00	5 00	.....	6 00	3 00	2 00	.....	177 00	1570 46
22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	10 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	5 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 50	360 50
23	21	283	2339	2407 21	858 73	28	729	1189 18	712 16	45 24	201 90	1000 88	766 00	762 02	294 45	66 10	1214 60	107 54	4 28	129 00	53 10	75 00	967 50	5687 61	70269 05
24	19	247	2251	2573 04	713 60	23	622	968 21	297 55	37 60	208 30	979 06	527 70	562 10	313 00	.....	1096 55	116 00	21 22	113 00	67 00	41 10	1155 00	5237 63	39622 05
25	2	36	88	.....	145 13	5	107	220 97	414 61	6 64	.....	21 82	238 30	199 92	.....	66 10	118 05	.....	.....	16 00	.....	33 90	.....	449 98	30647 00
26	.....	.....	.....	165 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	.....	.....	18 55	.....	.....	8 46	16 94	.....	13 90	.....	187 50	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

DIRECTORY, 1911-1912.

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NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Los Angeles, St. Mark's Church.
Time—October 11th, 1912.

PROCEEDINGS of the TWENTIETH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD IN THE FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, Pastor),
SAN DIEGO, CAL., MAY 3 AND 4, 1911.

FIRST SESSION.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., MAY 3, 2.30 P. M.

The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Ball. The opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

The enrollment of delegates was as follows:

Roll of Delegates.

Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. J. W. Ball.

San José (Grace)—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. Fred Cummings (*a. e.*).

San Francisco (St. Andrew's)—Mrs. A. Jatho.

Riverside (Trinity)—Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

San Diego (First)—Miss Lou Leisenring, Mrs. L. E. Sechrist.

Sacramento (German)—Miss Kate J. Stuber, Miss Carrie Stuber.

Oakland (First)—Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

San Bernardino (First)—Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

Santa Barbara (Grace)—Mrs. Hilda Palmer.

Redlands (First)—Mrs. A. E. Swanson.

Los Angeles (First)—Mrs. Emma Selby, Mrs. Rosa Churchill.

Pasadena (Trinity)—Mrs. Agnes A. King, Miss Clara Tenhaeff.

San Francisco (First)—Mrs. W. E. Crouser (*a. e.*).

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman and responded to by Miss Kate Stuber and Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

The President read her report as follows:

President's Report.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod:

The past year has been an unusual one, as it marks anniversaries of three historical events:

First, the three hundredth anniversary of the translation of the Bible.

Second, the fiftieth anniversary of organized work among women for foreign missions.

Third and last, though not least in our estimation, the twentieth anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of California. It is eminently fitting that in such a

year something striking, something unusual should be done in furthering the cause of missions, both home and foreign.

Early in the Synodical year came an appeal for larger gifts to the General Fund, to cover a deficit of $37,022.95. Our auxiliary societies responded with an increase in General Fund of $36.25; Life Membership, $70.00; Thank-offering, $50.84; Christmas Offering, $5.00. Total, $162.09.

A little later came the call for Jubilee pledges and offerings, and on April 9th I received a card from Mrs. Shaffer, beginning, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Our pledges to date amount to $28,512.57. Help to make it $30,000.00." According to our Treasurer's report of March 20th, only four of our California societies had reported on this Jubilee Fund, and the amount reported was $31.60. Not very large, but, perhaps, there have been later reports.

We notice that the total amount of our gifts exceed last year only $120.00, and as our excess on regular work was $162.09, we must have fallen off on our special objects. The India Bed Fund fell short this year $1.70. It seems a pitifully small sum. Let us make an extra effort to meet this obligation this coming year.

There were thirteen life members secured during the year. Redlands and Riverside tie for first place, each having secured four. Los Angeles, First Church, ranks second, with three; San Diego and San José each have one.

We are sorry to have to say this second time, no new societies to report. Long Beach is still talking, but they seem to think they are carrying all that is possible for them at present. We can only express the hope that they may see their way clear to organize during the coming year!

In the Treasurer's report is an item of $14.50 which was sent to the General Treasurer. For the benefit of those who may not understand, the following explanation is given: At the Dixon convention, two years ago, a recommendation was made that each society be apportioned at the rate of three cents per member, this sum to be used in paying expenses (railroad fare) of delegates to the General Convention. It was done to relieve the heavy tax upon our far Western societies. The Executive Committee took action upon this recommendation in February, adopting it. If I understand correctly, this year, instead of paying in the neighborhood of $70.00 for delegates' expenses, we pay only about $14.50. We are very glad for this decision, and appreciate its fairness when we think that heretofore our society, with less than five hundred members, was paying, on an average, $70.00, while Maryland, with three thousand members, had an average expense of less than $17.00 for this object.

Altogether our year's work has been gratifying, and we commend the good work of the individual societies.

We would recommend that, if at any time our India Bed Fund should fall short, our Treasurer be instructed to make up the deficit from the Synodical Fund, so that it may be known that *that* $50.00 can be depended upon from this society.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. BALL,
President.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Membership. Total, not including Life and Home Department Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.
San Diego	1893	23	22	1	....	3	....	11	30
Los Angeles, First Church	1887	34	33	1	....	4	....	22	....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1908	20	20	....	....	....	....	8	....
San Bernardino	1907	22	22	....	....	....	....	9	....
Redlands	1905	23	18	5	....	13	....	16	25
Riverside	1897	28	22	6	....	6	....	10	25
San Josê	1892	14	12	2	....	3	....	12	....
*Pasadena	1904	23	21	2	....	1	26	5	....
San Francisco, First Church	1891	21	20	1	....	....	....	7	....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1895	38	38	....	....	....	....	5	....
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1908	57	57	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sacramento, German	1895	109	95	14	....	3	....	11	....
Sacramento, English	1895	13	12	1	...	2	....	9	....
Oakland	1895	11	11	....	....	1	....	8	....
Santa Barbara	1907	14	14	....	....	....	....	4	....
Fresno, German*	1909	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Young People's Societies.									
German Lutheran Society's Auxiliary	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Riverside Young People	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	25
Children's Band.									
A. F. C. Mission Band, Los Angeles	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total, 1911	....	450	417	33	....	36	26	138	105
Total, 1910	....	501	471	38	8	23	....	127	194
Gain	....	....	....	....	...	13	26	11	....
Loss	....	57	54	5	8	....	....	....	89

* No report.

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The Treasurer's report was read, and, on motion, was referred to an Auditing Committee.

Report of Treasurer.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	May Memorial Fund.	India Hospital Bed Fund.	Education of Girl in India.	St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Jubilee und.	Window, St. Mark's Mission.	Synodical Fund and Tracts.	Total.
Balance, March 20th, 1910											$93 30	$93 30
Offering at Convention, April 5th to 8th, 1910											14 36	14 36
Offering at Northern Conference, October 26th, 1910											2 65	2 65
Offering at Southern Conference, November 1st and 2d, 1910											3 90	3 90
Los Angeles (First Church)	$32 00	$30 00	$2 35	$6 00	$25 00		$71 25	$10 00			6 00	182 60
Los Angeles (A. F. C. Mission Band)	25 65						31 43					57 08
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	24 00			2 85			2 25		$3 60		5 00	37 70
Oakland	4 50			40			2 40				1 75	9 05
Pasadena	15 00			5 00			5 00				6 00	31 00
Pasadena (Y. W. M. S.)	10 00											10 00
Redlands	19 25	40 00		3 00			30 00	3 00	3 00		4 75	103 00
Riverside	19 60	40 00		5 45			40 00	9 15	15 00		7 00	136 20
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	10 80						5 00					15 80
Sacramento (English)	14 00		1 00	3 00			12 00	3 00			25	33 25
Sacramento (German)	90 00			10 00		$5 00	15 00	10 00	10 00		15 25	155 25
Sacramento (German C. E.)	5 00											5 00
San Bernardino	7 80			1 60			23 65	2 25			2 25	37 55
San Diego	9 50	10 00		3 00			34 00				2 50	59 00
San Francisco (First English)	20 60			5 00			12 35				3 75	41 70
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	31 80						5 00	5 25				42 05
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	24 60										5 25	29 85
San José	19 00	10 00		3 00			25 00			$3 00	1 00	61 00
Santa Barbara	3 50						2 00					5 50
Interest on deposit											1 95	1 95
Amount received	$386 60	$130 00	$3 35	$48 30	$25 00	$5 00	$316 33	$42 65	$31 60	$3 00	$176 91	$1168 74
Amount remitted	386 60	130 00	3 35	48 30	25 00	5 00	316 33	42 65	31 60	3 00		991 83
Amount in treasury											$176 91	$176 91

Financial Report, 1910-1911.

Receipts

March 20th, 1910. To balance		$93 30
April 5th to 8th, 1910. Offering at Convention		14 36
October 26th, 1910. Offering at Northern Conference		2 65
November 1st and 2d, 1910. Offering at Southern Conference		3 90
General Fund	$386 60	
Life Membership	130 00	
May Memorial Fund	3 35	
India Hospital Bed Fund	48 30	
Education of Girl in India	25 00	
St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles	5 00	
Thank-offering	316 33	
Christmas Offering	42 65	
Jubilee Fund	31 60	
Window, St. Mark's Mission	3 00	
Synodical Fund and Tracts	60 75	
Interest on Deposit	1 95	
		1054 53
		$1168 74

Expenditures.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$386 60	
By Life Membership	130 00	
By May Memorial Fund	3 35	
By India Hospital Bed Fund	48 30	
By Education of Girl in India	25 00	
By St. Mark's Mission, Los Angeles	5 00	
By Thank-offering	316 33	
By Christmas Offering	42 65	
By Jubilee Fund	31 60	
By Delegates' Expenses to General Convention	14 15	
		$1002 98
Dr. J. W. Ball:		
By Window, St. Mark's Mission		3 00
By Nucleus for Seminary Fund		50 00
Synodical Expenses:		
By President, for 300 Programs	$3 75	
By President, for Stationery, Postage, etc.	3 50	
By President, for Traveling Expenses	26 00	
By Corresponding Secretary, for Sending Minutes of General Convention	2 97	
By Corresponding Secretary, for Stationery and Postage	2 03	
By Thank-Offering Secretary, for Postage and Record Book	1 00	
By Literature Secretary, for Postage and Tracts	4 00	
By Treasurer, for Tracts and Supplies	4 92	
By Expressage on Treasurer's Book to San Francisco	60	
		48 77
By Balance		63 99
		$1168 74

The report of the Literature Committee was read.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick read the report of the Historian and enumerated 41 life members.

Mrs. G. H. Hillerman read the Thank-offering report as follows:

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

The report of the Thank-offering Department for the past year is gratifying in several respects. We are pleased to report the largest Thank-offering ever contributed, $316.33, this being an increase of $50.84 over that of the previous year. In the seven years' time since the organization of this department, the offering has increased from $77.00 to $316.00. The large number of boxes distributed during the year at the request of the societies was also a source of encouragement.

Although we have not attained one of the objects which we earnestly hoped to do, namely, to secure a Thank-offering from every society in California, we are glad to report a larger number of auxiliaries contributing than ever before—only two societies having failed to engage in this work.

A message of thanks from our General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller, came, saying: "Thank all your dear women who have so nobly come up with their Thank-offering. The women will surely come to the rescue and lift the deficit which has so annoyed our Executive Committee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated."

We ask your hearty co-operation and prayerful effort during the coming year, that it may prove even better than the one just closed.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

On motion, Mrs. D. J. Snyder was made an advisory member of the convention.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

President's Report—Mrs. L. E. Sechrist, Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

Auditing Committee—Miss Lou Leisenring, Mrs. A. E. Swanson.

Resolutions—Miss Kate Stuber, Mrs. A. King.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

An offering of $3.60 was received.

The convention adjourned, with use of the Missionary Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 9.30 A. M.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. R. Churchill.

Minutes were read and approved.

The delegates reported the activities of their respective societies.

The topic, "Laymen's Missionary Movement," was presented in a paper by Mrs. A. A. King.

A paper on "Review of 'Advance in the Antilles'" was prepared by Mrs. Hoffman and read by Mrs. R. Churchill.

Mrs. Ball favored the convention with a vocal solo, and Mrs. Hoick spoke in advocacy of more subscribers to *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

The little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, named Lola Leora, was made a life member by the convention, and the surplus used to start a bank account for the baby.

The convention adjourned, with prayer by Mrs. Hoick and the Lord's Prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2.30 P. M.

The devotions were led by Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

The President called the convention to order.

Roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Leonard addressed the convention in an interesting and profitable way about India and its peoples.

Committees reported as follows:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee have carefully read the President's report, and call attention to the following:

1. We appreciate the willing and earnest spirit she has manifested in the arduous duties of her office.

2. We recommend her efforts to increase the number of societies and of life members. We rejoice in the progress made during the year, and hope for greater success in the future.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. E. SECHRIST,
MRS. R. S. CUNNING.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted, MISS LOU LEISENRING,
MRS. A. E. SWANSON.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1. *Resolved,* That we thank our dear heavenly Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ, for the privilege to meet again in convention.

2. *Resolved,* That the members of this convention wish to express their hearty thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Hillerman for the cordial welcome extended.

3. *Resolved,* That we are grateful for the spiritual growth and the interest manifested in the various missionary societies by this well-attended convention, and by the increase of newly-added life members.

4. *Resolved,* That since there is a deficiency in the apportionment of the India Hospital Bed, the amount required be taken out of the Synodical Fund.

5. *Resolved,* That we wish to express our hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Lutheran Church for their generous hospitality to members of the convention. Also for the special musical number rendered by our worthy President, and to the local press for the convention announcements.

Respectfully submitted, MISS KATE STUBER,
MRS. AGNES KING.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee have examined the Corresponding Secretary's

report and find it correct, and shows careful and effective work on her part.

The report of the Thank-offering Secretary is gratifying, showing such an increase over previous years.

The paper entitled "When the World Comes to Boston" was well received and commendable.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER,
MRS. R. S. CUNNING.

On motion, it was resolved to make Miss Carrie Stuber an accredited delegate to the General Convention in Louisville, Ky.

The following bills were ordered paid by the Treasurer:

Literature	$5.28
Programs	4.00
Stationery and postage	2.50
Traveling expenses of President	5.00
Mrs. Reimer's expenses	4.00
	$20.78

On motion, $40.00 was added to the $60.00 already set aside for the California Educational Institution.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for the officers of the convention. (See Directory, 1911-1912.)

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet in 1912, and was dismissed after using the Missionary Benediction.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 8 P. M.

This was the twentieth anniversary service. Mrs. J. W. Ball presided.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman conducted the opening service. Rev. D. J. Snyder read the Scripture.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick read an historical sketch of the Synodical Society.

The address was delivered by Rev. W. E. Crouser.

Mrs. Ball read greetings from Mrs. Willard Larkin, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, and former Presidents Mrs. Maggart, Mrs. Everding, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Kelly.

Offering was $7.96.

MRS. O. H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
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14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
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20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
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Half-hour Devotional Service Each Morning.

The First Epistle to Timothy, Rev. J. W. Romich. (Rev. D. J. Snyder.)

Friday Evening. Synodical Communion.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hoick. (Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.)

Sunday. Morning Worship.

German Lutheran Church, Rev. H. Gehrcke and Rev. J. E. Hoick.
English Lutheran Church, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D. (Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.)

Sunday Evening.

Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Monday Afternoon.

Paper, Augsburg Confession, Art. XV, "Church Ordinances." Rev. H. M. Leech. (Rev. A. Jatho.)

Monday Evening.

Address, "Our Lutheran Young People." Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D. (Raymond Hansen.)

Tuesday Evening.

Symposium, "Church Responsibilities."

"The Church Council to the Church." Rev. O. H. Gruver. (Rev. A. E. Isham.)

"The Men to the Church." Rev. R. W. Mottern. (Mr. H. A. Getz.)

"The Women to the Church." Rev. Geo. P. Goll. (Rev. J. J. Chambers.)

"The Sunday School Teacher to the Church." Rev. W. H. Derr. (Rev. H. S. Feix.)

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LOS ANGELES,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1912, 7.45 P. M.

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California convened in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friday evening, September 20th, 1912. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., from Rom. 1 : 14, 15, on the theme, "Our Debt and Duty." The Synodical Communion followed, conducted by the officers of Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1912, 9 A. M.

The formal opening of Synod was conducted by the President, assisted by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.

The roll of pastors was called and lay delegates entered as follows:

Synodical Roll.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., D.D., *a.e.*	1879	1891	Montara.		
2	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Av., N. W.		
3	Charles F. Oehler, *a. e.*	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	Sacramento, German	James Popert.
4	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	Erwin Sick.
5	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
6	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's	W. Michel, *a. e.*
7	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Oakland, 526 23d St.		
8	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	San Diego, 1140 21st St.	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.
9	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	San José, 180 E. Julian St.	San José, Grace	C. W. Hershey, *a. e.*
10	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 831 Harvard Boulevard	Los Angeles, First	H. A. Getz.
11	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	San Francisco	San Francisco, First	L. B. Kibler.
12	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont St.		
13	Lutz Horn, *a.*	1898	1904	Switzerland.		
14	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco, St. Mark's.	
15	John Gutleben, *a. e.*	1870	1905	Oakland, 2228 High St.		
16	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.		
17	Wm. J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 735 E St.		
18	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	San Bernardino, 360 Delaware Ave.	San Bernardino, First	Robt Cunning, *a. e.*
19	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Alpaugh, Tulare Co.	Alpaugh, First	D. H. Horner, M.D. *a.e.*
20	Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph.D., LL.D., *a.*	1891	1908	Pasadena, 500 Del Rosa Drive.		
21	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	J. A. Zimmerman.
22	Wm. R. Swickard	1893	1908	Redlands.		
23	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic St.	Long Beach, Trinity	C. E. Weller.
24	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Los Angeles	Glendale, First	T. I. Furst.
25	Charles W. Weiser, *a.*	1908	1908	Altoona, Pa.		
26	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Riverside, 636 15th St.	Riverside, Trinity	J. F. Reimer.
27	Herman R. Pontow	1909	1910	Sanger	Sanger, St. Paul's	Christian Grass, *a. e.*
28	Martin L. Kunkelman, M. D.	1867	1910	Los Angeles, 3738 University St.		
29	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Sacramento, 1816 J St.	Sacramento, First	F. W. Chapman, *a. e.*
30	Norman N. Harter[1]	1895	1911	Salinas, 311 Lincoln Ave.	Salinas, Our Saviour	M. Hestorff, *a. e.*
31	Henry Wiemken,[2] *a. e.*	1901	1911	Red Bluff.		
32	George Philip Goll[3]	1896	1912	Santa Barbara, 1230 Santa Barbara St.	Santa Barbara, Grace	W. N. Grant.
33	John E. Hummon[4]	1900	1912	San Francisco	San Francisco, St. Luke's.	

Synodical Roll.—Concluded.

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34	Wm. H. Derr[3]	1903	1912	Pasadena, 65 N. Madison Ave.	Pasadena, Trinity	Elmer Frey.
35	Harvey M. Leech[5]	1894	1912	Oakland, 684 16th St.	Oakland, First	J. A. Bohn.
36	John R. Braeuer, Ph. D.,[6] *a. e.*	1896	1912	Seattle, Wash., 4119 Phinney Ave.	Seattle, St. Paul's.	
37	E. F. A. Hantel,[2] *a. e.*	1875	1912	Red Bluff, 922 Walnut St.		
38	Wm. C. Eckhart,[4] *a. e.*	1891	1912	San Diego.		
39	A. E. Isham,[5] *a. e.*	1907	1912	Redlands.		
40	Herman H. Rippe[7]	1888	1912	Fresno	Fresno, Wartburg	Peter Scheidt, *a. e.*
41	C. A. Walton[8]	1897	1912	Alameda, 735 Lincoln Ave.	Alameda, Christ	H. C. Hacke, *a. e.*
42	Vacant	....	....		Barstow, Bethanien.	
43	Vacant	....	....		Redlands, First	A. Cornelius.

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.
Received from: [1] G. C.; [2] Ger. Neb.; [3] E. Pa.; [4] Neb.; [5] Iowa; [6] N. Y.; [7] Maryland; [8] Ev. Ass'n of N. A.

After the preliminary calling of the roll, on motion of Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., it was voted to enter names of prominent laymen for delegates where none were elected.

The President's report was then read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

Brethren of California Synod:

With devout gratitude to our gracious Father in heaven we gather in this Twenty-second Annual Convention. The past sixteen and one-half months have been eventful ones. With no unusual visitations of Providence, but with extraordinary evidences of divine favor, they have made up their record.

Three congregations are applicants for admission into the Synod, the fruits of faithful labor in difficult fields.

In addition to ministers received from other Lutheran Synods, one application is in hand from a pastor formerly connected with the German Evangelical Synod of North America, making the total of additions to our clerical roll 12.

Inasmuch as one of our pastors now serves the influential St. Mark's German Lutheran Church of San Francisco, an independent congregation, the total of confirmed members under the care of our pastors, and of those seeking admission into the Synod, is 4,080, an increase of 591 over last report.

Three churches were dedicated during the year, and a fourth is awaiting dedication. A fifth congregation erected a large and commodious parish house or hall. Extensive minor improvements have been made upon several other churches.

Debts have been reduced by fourteen congregations. Salaries have been increased by six of the churches.

This in brief is the splendid record of the Synod during the period since our meeting at San Diego, May 2d-5th, 1911. In detail the report is as follows:

A. Pastoral Changes.

A number of pastoral changes have occurred, but they have involved no loss of membership to our ministerial force. The one instance of dismissal was one in which removal from our bounds took place the year previous.

I. RESIGNATIONS.

On September 6th, 1911, the Rev. C. W. Weiser informed me that he had resigned the pastorate of Trinity Church, Pasadena, the resignation to take effect November 30th, 1911.

January 2d, 1912, word was received from Rev. H. S. Feix that he had resigned as pastor of Christ Church, Alameda, having accepted a call to St. Mark's German Church of San Francisco.

April 5th, 1912, I learned that Rev. W. J. Roehmer had resigned the work at Barstow.

April 10th, 1912, I received word from Rev. A. S. Hartman, D. D., that Rev. John Gutleben had resigned as pastor of the Wartburg Church, Fresno, to take effect June 1st.

May 5th, 1912, Rev. W. R. Swickard advised me that he had resigned from the pastorate of the Redlands congregation, the resignation taking effect July 1st.

2. DISMISSAL.

Rev. S. W. Young, in August, 1911, asked for a letter of dismissal to the Synod of Nebraska. The request was granted.

3. ADMISSIONS.

The following ministers have been admitted by transfer from their respective Synods and their names duly enrolled:

Rev. N. N. Harter, from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, June 5th, 1911.

Rev. H. Wiemken, from the German Nebraska Synod, November 11th, 1911.

Rev. George P. Goll, from the Synod of East Pennsylvania, March 8th, 1912.

Rev. John E. Hummon, from the Synod of Nebraska, April 24th, 1912.

Rev. W. H. Derr, from the East Pennsylvania Synod, April 28th, 1912.

Rev. Harvey M. Leech, from the Synod of Iowa, May 15th, 1912.

Rev. John R. Bräuer, Ph. D., from the Synod of New York, July 9th, 1912.

Rev. E. F. A. Hantel, from the German Nebraska Synod, August 7th, 1912.

Rev. W. C. Eckhart, from the Nebraska Synod, September 12th, 1912.

4. APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION.

Rev. C. A. Walton, who has been supplying Christ Church, Alameda, for some months, on June 25th, 1912, forwarded me his application for admission into the Synod. The application is endorsed by the Bay Cities' Pastoral Association. Rev. Walton has been connected with the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

This application is respectfully referred to the Ministerium.

5. CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. John Gutleben informed me, July 24th, 1911, that he had received and accepted a call to become pastor of the Wartburg congregation of Fresno, which he had been supplying previously.

Rev. Geo. P. Goll accepted the call of the Board of Home Missions to become pastor of Grace Church, Santa Barbara, and entered upon his duties September 24th, 1911.

Rev. W. H. Derr, of Downingtown, Pa., informed me, under date of November 21st, 1911, that he had accepted the call to become pastor of Trinity Church, Pasadena.

Rev. H. S. Feix accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church of San Francisco, and entered upon his new duties January 1st, 1912.

Rev. Harvey M. Leech, of Dubuque, Ia., accepted the call to become pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Oakland, and entered upon his duties April 15th, 1912.

Rev. H. H. Rippe, of Gardenville, Md., was called to the pastorate of the Wartburg congregation of Fresno, and entered upon his duties there August 25th, 1912.

Rev. M. F. Rinker accepted the call to become pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale, which he had organized, and entered upon his pastorate September 1st, 1912.

Rev. A. E. Isham, under date of September 12th, 1912, wrote me that he had asked the President of the Iowa Synod to forward me his letter of transfer to this Synod, thus indicating his acceptance of the call of the Redlands congregation.

6. INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. N. N. Harter was installed pastor of the Church of our Saviour, Salinas, by Rev. Oscar H. Gruver and Rev. John Edward Hoick, August 30th, 1911.

Rev. W. H. Derr was installed pastor of Trinity Church, Pasadena, by Rev. D. J. Snyder and Rev. J. W. Ball, May 2d, 1912.

Rev. H. S. Feix was inducted into the pastorate of St. Mark's Church, San Francisco, January 28th, 1912, Rev. A. Jatho conducting the service.

Rev. Harvey M. Leech was installed pastor of the First Church of Oakland, Sunday evening, August 25th. Rev. H. S. Feix charged the pastor, and Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., charged the congregation. Rev. O. H. Gruver installed the pastor.

The attention of pastors and congregations is respectfully called to Art. XV, Sec. 1, of our constitution, which specifies that "when a minister is called to take charge of a congregation, the union

between pastor and people shall be solemnized by special installation services." This provision of our constitution should not be ignored.

B. Congregations.

1. Applications for Admission.

St. Paul's English Lutheran congregation, of Seattle, Wash., was organized under the auspices of our Board of Home Missions, April 13th, 1911, after some months of preliminary work on the part of its missionary pastor, the Rev. John R. Bräuer, Ph. D. The constitution adopted was that supplied by the Home Mission Board. The membership reported is 22. Steps are being taken to purchase a lot and erect a church building. On account of distance no delegate or commissioner has been sent. This congregation applies for admission into the Synod.

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale, Cal., was organized by the adoption of the constitution recommended by our Board of Home Missions and the election of officers on Sunday, July 7th, 1912. The President of Synod presided. Twenty-six charter members were enrolled. The outlook is encouraging. The Rev. M. F. Rinker is the faithful, hard-working pastor. This congregation applies for admission into the Synod.

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco was organized on Sunday, August 18th, 1912, as the result of three months' labor on the part of the Rev. John E. Hummon, our Superintendent of Missions. Thirty-two members were enrolled. The Sunday school on the same date recorded an attendance of 62 The chapel in which the services had been held previously, and in which the organization took place, has been purchased and removed to a leased lot at a total cost of $300.00. The dedication was held on Sunday, September 1st, the sermon being preached by Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., President of our Board of Home Missions, who also conducted the appeal for funds. This congregation comes into existence under unusually favorable auspices. On Sunday, September 15th the congregation had an attendance of 40, a communion offering of $15.00, a Sunday school attendance of 82 and Sunday school offering of $3.50. It also applies for admission into the Synod.

2. Church Building and Improvements.

a. Corner-Stone Laying.

The corner-stone of St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, was laid with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, April 23d, 1911. The address was delivered by Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D. The neighboring pastors, H. J. Weaver, D. D., C. W. Weiser, D. J. Snyder,

and M. F. Rinker, assisted the local pastor, J. W. Ball., Ph. D., in the services.

The corner-stone of the new and imposing German Church of Sacramento, Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, pastor, was laid on November 10th, 1911. The pastor was assisted in the ceremony by the mayor of Sacramento, Hon. R. M. Beard, and pastors H. C. Funk, J. E. Hoick, and W. E. Crouser, D. D.

b. Dedications.

Alpaugh dedicated October 8th, 1911. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Chambers, was assisted in the services of the day by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., of San Francisco, who preached the sermon of dedication and had charge of the finances. The sum of $1,666.45 was secured in cash and subscriptions, enough to cover all outstanding bills, pay the interest-bearing debt and put in a furnace. The total cost of lot, building and furniture was close to $4,800.00. The church is of Gothic design, surmounted by a high tower, which can be seen for several miles. The main auditorium has a seating capacity of 175, which can be increased by the addition of the Sunday school auditorium.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's. Dedicated October 15th, 1911. The first church of the city worshiped with St. Mark's morning and evening. Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D. D., preached the morning sermon. Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman preached in the evening and had charge of the finances. Rev. M. F. Rinker and Rev. D. J. Snyder assisted in the services. Thirteen persons were added to the membership and over $2,100.00 was secured in all, with which to meet the remaining indebtedness. The present value of the property is about $13,500.00. With the completion of the church St. Mark's has entered upon a new era, with greatly improved outlook.

Alameda. The hall or parish house of Christ Church was erected at a cost of $2,000.00. The dedication was held October 26th, 1911.

St. Luke's, San Francisco. The chapel in which this mission has been worshiping was purchased and formally dedicated September 1st, the lot having been leased by the congregation. Rev. G. W Enders, D. D., delivered the address. The Revs. O. H. Gruver, H. S. Feix, H. Gehrcke, A. Jatho, H. M. Leech and W. E. Crouser, D. D., assisted in the service. The offering amounted to $154.00, more than enough to complete payment of the building. The ceremony of dedication was conducted by the Rev. John E. Hummon, Missionary Superintendent, who had organized the mission.

c. Minor Improvements.

Santa Barbara reports interior remodeled and painted, exterior painted and new pipe organ.

Sanger reports a parsonage built.

Alpaugh Church furnished, wired for electric light, built in library, communion table.

St. Andrew's, San Francisco. Exterior painted.

Wartburg, Fresno. An organ installed.

San José. Auditorium recalcimined, recarpeted, electric lights installed.

Sacramento, English. Asphalt street and new altar.

San Diego. Brick-work cemented over and pebble-dashed.

Riverside. Interior walls refrescoed, new carpet in aisles, floor oiled and varnished.

Long Beach. Sunday school and other furniture.

Redlands. Tinting and varnishing interior.

Pasadena. Improved windows, bookracks.

St. Mark's, San Francisco. Third-story flat renovated.

C. Miscellaneous.

Red Bluff and Los Molinos.—In transmitting his letter of dismissal from the German Nebraska Synod to this Synod, in November, 1911, the Rev. H. Wiemken informed me that he was conducting services in the German language at Red Bluff, where there are from 40 to 50 German Lutheran families, and at Los Molinos, where he is promoting a German colony, he expected to organize congregations at each point. Recently, however, he has informed me that to organize at present would be premature; that he desired to move cautiously and securely in the matter of organization. Several other of our brethren from the German Nebraska Synod have located in or near Red Bluff, Rev. Aug. Bahr, Rev. L. Hopp and Rev. E. F. A. Hantel. The German colony appears to be on a sound basis and is growing. It is possible that a third preaching station will be conducted at Dairyville.

Synodical Missionary.—In accordance with the instructions of Synod (Minutes 1911, p. 23) the Home Mission Committee continued the effort to secure a Synodical missionary, to be supported jointly by the Synod and the Home Mission Board. We were fortunately able to bring the negotiations to a successful issue. The General Board agreed to pay one-half of the salary of $1,500.00, but declined to pay any part of the traveling expenses except when that official is working under its immediate direction in special work. To that office the Rev. John E. Hummon was elected until this meeting of Synod. He has done faithful and efficient work.

Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.—I have received during the year several copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod, concerning its confessional position and the basis of representation in its conventions on the part of the respective District Synods.

I have referred these to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D. D., Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., and Rev. H. Gehrcke, to be reported on at this convention of Synod.

Home Mission Advisory Board.—In conformity with the recommendation of the Home Mission Board, endorsed by practically all the pastors of Synod, I increased the Home Mission Committee of Synod to a membership of five by the appointment of Mr. H. A. Getz and Rev. Oscar H. Gruver.

Peace Committee.—A lengthy correspondence with W. C. Allen, of Redlands, representing an inter-denominational movement on the coast for the creation of a Commission on International Peace, led to the appointment of Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., Rev. H. S. Feix and Rev. H. Gehrcke to represent our Synod on that commission.

Church Lot.—A church lot in the town of Live Oak has been donated to the Synod through the agency of Rev. J. E. Hummon. The lot is to be held in trust for a congregation to be organized within the next four years.

Self-Help.—There has been no more encouraging feature of our work during the past months than the degree of self-help manifested. This has been shown in the building and equipment of churches and in other improvements upon church properties; in the payment of debts, some of them of long standing; in the reduction of appropriations from the Home Mission Board; in the exploration of new fields and the organization of new congregations independently of the Home Mission Board; in the enlargement of our Synodical Home Mission Fund for the support of our Synodical missionary; in the continuance of our Synodical Church Extension Fund, and in the organization of the Home Mission Association of San Francisco. These evidences of self-help mean much every way. They indicate a quickened spiritual life. They give promise of the more adequate cultivation of our great field, both by our unaided efforts and by the more willing aid of the Eastern Boards. And, by no means least, they will lead to a kindlier and juster estimate of our work on this coast by the Church at large. The motto of this convention and of our future work should be, *Self-Help* in the largest possible degree.

Visit of Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D.—It is with pleasure and with gratitude to our Board of Home Missions that we welcome to this convention of Synod and to our churches individually the Rev.

G. W. Enders, D. D., the honored President of our Home Mission Board. We believe his visit will prove to be one of real helpfulness not only to the churches but also to the Board itself, which he has served so long and faithfully.

The Other Boards.—The Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Church Extension and the Deaconess Board have recognized our meeting by letters of greeting and literature for distribution. Appropriate action on the part of the Synod will be reported by the Committee on Letters and Papers.

The Lutheran Church Work has also reminded us that it is seeking to serve the best interests of the Church faithfully and efficiently by sending us for distribution a number of copies of its last issue. Published under the limitations incidental to voluntary and unpaid service on the part of its managers, this official organ has done as well as could reasonably be expected. It is worthy of the commendation of the Synod.

Postage and Traveling Expenses.—In the discharge of the office of President a large correspondence has been inevitable, covering the unusual period of nearly a year and a half and involving a considerable enlargement of the work of the Synod. I have been enabled to visit officially or semi-officially, at very little expense to the Synod, the congregations at Santa Barbara, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, Pasadena, Glendale and the Northern Conference, held in San Francisco, May 5th-6th, 1912. I also visited the towns of Anaheim and Olive and the city of Phœnix, Ariz. The unprovided expense for postage and traveling expenses amounts to $13.27, a detailed statement of which accompanies this report.

D. Recommendations.

The following recommendations are submitted for action:

1. That the appointment of a committee to represent our Synod on the Commission on behalf of International Peace be approved.

2. That formal approval be given to the increase of the Home Mission Committee by the appointment of two additional members as recommended by the Home Mission Board.

3. That the Constitution of the Synod be so amended as to change the Home Mission Committee of the Synod into an Advisory Board of Home Missions, to consist of five members, elected by the Synod, a majority of whom shall be near enough to meet periodically for the transaction of business.

4. That the appointment of the special committee to report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod be approved.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE W. BALL.

PRESIDENT'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Traveling expenses:		
Northern Conference	$1.50	
Glendale	.70	
Olive and return (Anaheim, Orange)	.10	
		$2.30
Telegrams:		
San Diego	$0.25	
Oakland	.40	
		$0.65
Postage		10.32
Total		$13.27

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix A.)

The hours of the business sessions were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 NOON, and 1.30 P. M. to 5 P. M.

The President announced his committees as follows:

Committees.

President's Report—Rev. H. S. Feix, Rev. D. J. Snyder, Rev. R. W. Mottern.

Conference Minutes—Rev. M. F. Rinker, Rev. Geo. P. Goll.

Excuses and Leave of Absence—Rev. H. Pontow, Rev. N. N. Harter, Ernest Sick.

Letters and Papers—Rev. Harvey M. Leech, Rev. A. Jatho, L. B. Kibler.

Amendments to Constitution of General Synod—Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D., Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Budget Committee on Traveling Expenses—Rev. J. J. Chambers, Rev. H. H. Rippe.

Auditing Committee—J. F. Reimer, James Popert.

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. J. W. Romich.

Young People's Societies—Rev. O. H. Gruver, Rev. John E. Hummon.

Brotherhood—H. A. Getz, P. S. Leisenring, M. D.

Minutes of Other Synods—Rev. G. H. Hillerman, J. A. Bohn.

Resolutions—Rev. H. C. Funk, Rev. W. H. Derr, J. A. Zimmerman.

Applications of New Congregations—Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D. D., Rev. C. F. Oehler.

Reporters to Church Papers—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. R. W. Mottern, Rev. C. Walton.

Reference and Counsel—Rev. J. W. Romich, Rev. H. M. Leech, Rev. H. S. Feix.

Devotional Committee—Mr. H. A. Getz, Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Report of Archivist.

Nothing of special importance has been added to the archives during the Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted, WM. E. CROUSER.

Report adopted.

Report on the "California Lutheran."

Your committee beg to report that all bills presented to them against the *California Lutheran* have been paid, leaving a balance of $6.75 on hand.

We recommend that this amount be paid to the Treasurer of Synod on account of Missionary Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Geo. P. Goll.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1912.

Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., preached to the Synod in the morning at the St. Mark's Church.

The evening services were held in the First Lutheran Church and were under the charge of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with devotional service conducted by Rev. O. H. Gruver, with a helpful study of the first chapter of Philippians.

After the roll-call and the reading and adoption of minutes, the following brethren were introduced to Synod: Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., President of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. H. H. Rippe, of Fresno; Rev. C. T. Scholz, of Los Angeles; and C. A. Walton.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was read, and after discussion, adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion, it was resolved that the bar of Synod be confined to the first five rows of pews.

The report of delegates to General Synod was read by the chairman, and, on motion, the report was considered *seriatim.*

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States beg to submit the following report:

The General Synod held its Forty-fifth Biennial Convention at Washington, D. C., from June 7th to June 14th, 1911. The retiring President, Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D. D., preached the opening sermon on "The Serving Christ." The new officers elected were: Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., President; Dr. Manhart, Secretary, and Mr. G. Knollenberg, Treasurer.

All the delegates of the California Synod were present with the exception of Mr. J. W. Fricke, and Mr. James Popert went in his stead.

The reports of the various Boards were very gratifying and showed splendid progress along all lines.

This convention was one of the most inspiring and important held for some years, and different problems which confront our Church at the present age claimed full attention.

The following items were referred to the District Synods for

ratification, and our California Synod has to take action on them at this session:

1. Doctrinal Basis (vide Minutes of General Synod, page 22 fl.).

2. Change of basis of representation in the General Synod (vide Minutes of General Synod, page 21, and Minutes of 1909, page 124).

3. New plan for the uniform, systematic and centralized administration of Ministerial Education work and funds (vide General Synod Minutes, 1911, page 121 fl.).

Furthermore, a new plan of management of the work of the Board of Home Missions was adopted (vide Minutes General Synod, page 239 fl.) and also a new plan for the entertainment of the General Synod. The plan provides that when the General Synod has no acceptable invitation, including free entertainment, the District Synods shall each provide for the entertainment of its own delegation; the various Boards shall provide for the entertainment of their representatives; fraternal delegates, officers and chairmen of standing committees shall be entertained at the expense of the General Synod's treasury. The maximum daily allowance shall be two dollars, except when the Harvard plan is used, the entertaining church furnishing lodging and breakfast. In that case the maximum allowance shall be one dollar, and the same rule is recommended to the District Synods for the entertainment of their delegations.

Since the General Synod at its next convention will be entertained on the Harvard plan, some provision has to be made at this session of Synod for its delegation.

A resolution offered by Rev. S. F. Long, D. D., for the establishment of an official church paper, gave occasion for a lively discussion, and finally the resolution was adopted (vide Minutes of General Synod, page 90). This new official paper, as we all know, has since been launched.

The apportionment for Pastor's Fund was increased from seven cents to ten cents per member per annum, for General Synod from two cents to three cents, and for Deaconess Board from nine cents to ten cents, a total increase of five cents.

The instruction given your delegation at the last session of Synod in reference to a request to be made to the Home Mission Board concerning a written agreement with the Home Mission Board of the General Council (vide Minutes of California Synod, 1911, page 13) was carried out. Your delegation presented the matter to the Board, but no official action was taken, so far as we know.

In conclusion we offer the following recommendations:

1. That we accept the apportionment adopted by the General Synod for this biennium.

2. That we heartily indorse the new official church paper and endeavor to introduce the same into the homes of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH JATHO,
HERMAN GEHRCKE,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
J. A. BOHN,
JAMES POPERT.

On motion, the matter of the administration of ministerial education was referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

On motion, the plan of the entertainment of General Synod delegates was referred to a special committee consisting of Dr. P. S. Leisenring, Rev. A. Jatho and Rev. G. P. Goll.

Motion made and carried to extend time of adjournment fifteen minutes. The report under discussion.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. M. Leech.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1.30 P. M.

Synod opened with singing a hymn and with prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

After roll-call the minutes were read and approved.

The order of the afternoon was taken up and a paper on "The Doctrine of the Ministry" was read by Rev. H. Gehrcke. The discussion was participated in by Revs. G. H. Hillerman, G. W. Enders, D. D., M. F. Rinker and J. W. Ball.

After the singing of another hymn the regular business of the convention was resumed.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

I. OUR FIELD.

Our Home Mission field has been greatly extended since the last meeting of the Synod. By the reception of the congregation of Seattle and its pastor our field is extended practically to the

Canadian line. How permanent that extension will be depends somewhat upon the action to be taken by the General Synod on the report of the Joint Commission of Arbitration, which affirms the traditional policy of the General Synod and General Council upon the Pacific Coast. Even if our work in the State of Washington be enlarged and new work be undertaken in Oregon the result will ultimately be a Synod of Washington or of Washington and Oregon.

To the east of us, however, and contiguous to our own State lies the new State of Arizona, which is also missionary territory for our Synod. During the past decade it increased in population 66 per cent., and it is growing even more rapidly now. For the past two years our attention has been drawn to Phœnix, the thriving state capital, at different times. Other growing cities should be investigated. This new State has a future. Lutherans and sinners need the ministrations of the gospel there as elsewhere. Our Lutheran population should not be left entirely to the care of a German Synod, which for several reasons is unable to serve the whole field. Arizona is territory for the California Synod and will remain so for many years.

The past year and a quarter has, therefore, witnessed a great extension of our field and has placed upon us new responsibilities.

2. MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

At the last meeting of the Synod your committee were instructed to take further steps toward placing a Missionary Superintendent in the field, whose support should be borne by the Synod and the Home Mission Board combined. The negotiations looking to that end were pressed to a successful conclusion, and in April of this year we received the consent of the Board to the election of such an official. By resolution of the two Conferences and the subsequent action of the Executive Committee of the Synod, our part of the salary was provided for.

The regulations governing the office, as agreed upon by your committee, are as follows:

REGULATIONS GOVERNING MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

1. He shall be under the general direction of the Advisory Board of Home Missions of California Synod, but so far as his duties specifically relate to the Home Mission work under the care of and administered by the General Board, he shall be subject to its advice and direction.

2. He shall report monthly to the General Board and to the Advisory Board of Home Missions of California Synod.

3. The salary shall be $1,500.00 and traveling expenses. By

traveling expenses, however, is meant mileage, and, when necessary, sleeper-fare.

4. He shall make a diligent effort to secure Home Mission funds by individual gifts, by special collections from the churches, whether mission or self-supporting, which he visits, and in other ways, which special receipts shall be paid in equal amounts into the treasuries of the General Board and of the Synod.

5. The salary shall be paid in monthly installments.

6. For the discontinuance of the relation between the Missionary Superintendent and the Advisory Board of Home Missions a notice of three months shall be required.

7. The Missionary Superintendent shall be called by this Synod.

After mature deliberation of the committee, increased as recommended by the Home Mission Board, the Rev. John E. Hummon was chosen to fill the office until this meeting of Synod. He has done faithful and efficient work.

Rev. Hummon has recently accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Denver, Colo., and is therefore not a candidate for re-election. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect his successor. We desire to place on record, however, our commendation of the splendid work accomplished by Brother Hummon in his brief term of office and our good wishes for his future work. His report will follow this report.

3. PHOENIX.

The last meeting of Synod provided "for a thorough canvass of Phœnix, Ariz., with a view to effecting an organization in that important center." Accordingly the chairman of the committee spent nearly two weeks in Phœnix, February 20th to March 5th. It had been represented that, while the Wisconsin Synod had already entered the field, its work was almost exclusively among the Germans, and that the Scandinavian and "American" Lutheran families were not being reached. It was a matter of considerable surprise to find that the work of the Wisconsin Synod in Phœnix is almost entirely in English, the only German service being a weekly mid-week service. However, on account of the attitude of the Wisconsin Synod toward members of secret societies, about one-half of the Lutheran population was not being cared for. These lessons desired an organization in connection with this Synod. The effort was made to hold regular services for three months so as to try out the situation. This proposition, however, failed. Those interested were then advised to make application to the Board of Home Missions. This has not been done, although something in this line may be done yet. Had we entered the field at first, we

should have a promising congregation there. It is to be feared that nothing further can be undertaken now or perhaps for years to come.

4. GLENDALE.

Your committee were also charged with having a canvass made of Glendale and vicinity and "a congregation organized if conditions warrant." The Rev. M. F. Rinker was engaged to make this canvass, with the result that, on October 16th, 1911, a Sunday school was organized and a week or two later a regular preaching service provided for. The Rev. M. F. Rinker has done faithful work for these people. On Sunday, July 7th, they were organized into the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale. The congregation began with 26 charter members and an encouraging outlook. Rev. Rinker was elected pastor.

5. THE OTHER MISSIONS.

To enter into detail regarding the missions individually would extend this report unduly. Hence we shall content ourselves with a grouping of the main facts regarding them.

Membership.—An increase of communicant membership is reported in most of the missions, the gains ranging from 1 to 27, and the total increase being 150. Decreases are reported, however, from four of the missions, chiefly, no doubt, due to vacancies in their pastorates.

Contributions.—The reports indicate a good degree of liberality on the part of the missions, not only toward local expenses, but also in gifts to benevolence. Without exception current expenses are met promptly. The deficits reported are mostly due either to vacancies in the pastorate or to unusual demands in connection with church building. In several cases, however, the deficits in the benevolence account are without such justification.

Reduction of Home Mission Aid.—Reduced appropriations are reported from St. Matthew's (40-S17); St. Andrew's (90 S. F.); San Bernardino, 100; San Diego, 100; Riverside, 100; Seattle, 65; Long Beach, 40; Redlands, 60; St. Mark's of Los Angeles, 25; the reduction aggregating $615.00.

Increase of Salaries.—Salaries have been increased, mainly through the aid of the Home Mission Board, at Oakland, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Pasadena and Redlands. We are pleased to note that the living necessities of pastors in these fields are more adequately recognized. There are other missions which should also take the necessary steps to increase the salaries of faithful, hard-working pastors, without waiting for vacancies in their pastorates to occur.

Improvements upon Church Properties.—These range from street

paving to church building, and include such items as "parsonage built," "book-racks and windows," "tinting and varnishing," "Sunday school furniture," "a hall" or parish house for Sunday school and other use, "organ," "refrescoing and recarpeting," "exterior painted," "church furnished," "church built and furnished," "brick work refinished," "church bought and dedicated," "auditorium recalcimined, recarpeted and electric lights installed," "exterior and interior repainted."

Nearly all the properties have undergone improvement of some kind.

The Seattle congregation has $500.00 on hand for a church lot. The new mission in San Francisco begins by owning its own building at a cost of $300.00.

Debts Reduced.—The following congregations have reduced their indebtedness by amounts ranging from $50.00 to $1,450.00: St. Matthew's, of San Francisco, $600.00; St. Andrew's, of San Francisco, $710.00; Alameda, $500.00; San José, $500.00; Salinas, $50.00; Alpaugh, $710.00; San Bernardino, $400.00; San Diego, $1,144.00; Pasadena, $50.00; Long Beach, $500.00; St. Mark's, of Los Angeles, $1,450.67.

The total paid on indebtedness is $6,614.67.

SUMMARY.

The mission congregations of the Synod report:

Communicant membership, 1,377, an increase of 150.

Confirmed membership, 1,999, an increase of 303.

Baptized membership, 3,083, an increase of 149.

They report property valued at $245,350.00, on which there is a present indebtedness of $34,422.00. The indebtedness on these churches was reduced during the period covered by this report by the amount of $6,614.00.

These congregations have contributed for regular local expenses $20,297.00, for unusual local expenses $15,011.00, an increase of $3,032.00, and for benevolences $3,384.00, an increase of $98.00 Their total contributions have increased $10,998.00.

Home Mission appropriations have been reduced in the aggregate $615.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We respectfully recommend that the regulations for the office of the Superintendent of Missions, or Synodical Missionary, be incorporated among the by-laws of the Synod.

2. We recommend that the apportionment for Synodical Home Mission Fund for the new Synodical year be the sum of 50 cents per member.

3. We recommend that Children's Day be observed as Synodical Home Mission Sunday, the offerings being given to the California Home Mission Fund.

4. We recommend that all our congregations observe Home Mission week, as suggested by our Home Mission Board, in conjunction with the other leading Home Mission Boards of the United States.

5. We recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a series of articles on the general subject of what Dr. Enders' visit has meant to the California missions, and publish the same in our church papers.

6. We recommend that our pastors and congregations furnish Dr. Enders and the Missionary Superintendent stereopticon slides of themselves and their churches with statistics, and such other local views as will promote interest in mission work in California.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE W. BALL,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
H. A. GETZ,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim.*

Recommendation No. 1 considered *seriatim.*

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Item 4 adopted.

Item 5 adopted.

Item 6 adopted.

Item 7 adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 adopted.

Recommendation No. 6 amended and adopted.

Recommendation No. 7 adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on the Entertainment of Delegates to General Synod.

Your Committee on Entertainment of Delegates to the General Synod beg leave to report that the recommendation of General Synod in favor of the Harvard plan be adopted, and that we recom-

mend that the assessment for the Synodical Treasurer be increased to fifteen cents per member.

Respectfully submitted, P. S. LEISENRING,
ADOLPH JATHO,
GEORGE PHILIP GALL.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. C. Funk.

THIRD EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7.45 P. M.

The liturgical service was in charge of Rev. H. C. Funk, assisted by Rev. N. N. Harter. Rev. D. J. Snyder addressed the Synod on "The Work of Inner Missions," and Rev. J. E. Hummon, the Missionary Superintendent, spoke on "The Permanency of the Church."

FOURTH SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9 A. M.

Opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. O. H. Gruver, with the use of the matin service and an exposition of the second chapter of Philippians, and prayer by several of the brethren.

After roll-call, minutes were read and approved.

A verbal report of the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood was made by the chairman, Mr. H. A. Getz, and adopted by Synod.

On motion, Standing Resolution 3 was amended by the substitution of the word "pastors" for the words "clerical members."

On motion, Synod adjourned to allow a meeting of the Ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, Dr. P. S. Leisenring leading in prayer.

After calling of roll and reading of minutes, on motion, unfinished business was made the special order.

The report of the delegates to General Synod was taken up and both recommendations adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The regular order of the day, the Sunday School Institute, was opened with a hymn, and Synod listened to an enthusiastic address on the "Complete Primary" by Miss Mame Brockway. Mr. W. Frank Fisher read a paper on work and methods of the Baraca-Philathea Movement; and Rev. J. W. Romich presented the matter of the conduct of the Adult Bible Class.

On motion, Chaplain Nave, of the U. S. A., was made an advisory member of Synod, and granted ten minutes to present matters pertaining to the moral and religious welfare of the army.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Being the object of our continued and earnest prayers to the Lord of harvest, to raise up and send forth many more laborers for our promising fields, your committee with great joy would report that they have at least one man accepted as beneficiary student to the work of the gospel ministry.

Fred C. Maurer appeared before your committee and has given a full and explicit account of his conditions. The committee were favorably impressed upon those conditions and accepted him as a beneficiary student attending the nearest Lutheran institution, at Portland, Ore. During his term in the Pacific Theological Seminary at Portland, Ore., his expenses amounted to $172.90. Half of this amount student Maurer will pay and the other half is to be taken from our funds. We, therefore, recommend that the Treasurer be authorized, at the order of the Committee on Beneficiary Education, as directed by Synod, to disburse the amount of $86.45.

In order to pursue his studies the committee authorized him to

attend the Midland College, one of our own General Synod institutions, to the amount of $250.00 for the coming year.

Your committee, realizing the importance of encouraging young men to prepare for the ministry, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

1. That each pastor preach, as heretofore, during the Synodical year, at least one sermon on the "Call to the Ministry."

2. That every encouragement be given to all efforts looking toward the establishment of a theological institution upon our own territory as one of the needs of our work upon this coast, in order to prepare our young men for this most difficult work in our mission fields.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN GEHRCKE,
D. J. SNYDER,
J. E. HOICK.

Report considered *seriatim*.
Recommendation No. 1 adopted.
Recommendation No. 2 adopted.
Adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That this Synod greatly appreciates the presence of G. W. Enders, D. D., President of the Board of Home Missions, at this session of Synod. The personal visitation of Dr. Enders among the congregations of the Synod has been a source of great inspiration to our people, and his kindly interest in them will long be remembered; and we are grateful to the Board of Home Missions for permitting their President to make this tour of visitation on the coast.

2. *Resolved,* That the California Synod hereby expresses its hearty appreciation for the delightful entertainment provided by the members of the St. Mark's and First English Lutheran Churches of Los Angeles, together with their pastors; to the good women for their personal ministrations, which have added so much to the comfort of our delegates; to the owners of the automobiles, by which we were permitted to enjoy a most delightful outing, and to the choirs, for the appropriate and inspiring music.

Resolved, That we listened with interest to the presentation by Brother Fisher of the Baraca-Philathea movement, and that we commend these organizations and their work to the churches and Sunday schools of our Synod.

WHEREAS, The soldiers of our army and navy are exposed to

many temptations because of their life of hardship and privation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Lutheran Synod of California is in hearty sympathy with every movement for the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of our soldiers; and that we urge the authorities of our nation to emphasize the importance of the work of the chaplains, and to give them the equipment necessary for their work.

Resolved, That since the city papers have given valuable space in publishing the proceedings of this body, the California Synod express special appreciation to the *Times, Express, Herald, Tribune* and *Examiner* for courtesies shown.

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed $25.00, and the janitor of St. Mark's Church $5.00, for services rendered.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. FUNK,
W. H. DERR,
J. A. ZIMMERMAN.

Report considered *seriatim;* each item adopted; adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod with Answers Given.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod respectfully report as follows:

1. On page 18 we find a resolution for the inauguration of the establishment of a collegiate institute on our territory. Has this been done? No.

2. On the same page a resolution requesting the two gentlemen who offered the grounds for such an institute to hold open their offer for another year. Has this been done? Yes, and request declined.

3. On page 29 a resolution to hold evangelistic services in our churches, if advisable. Has this been done? Yes.

Respectfully submitted, ADOLPH JATHO.

Report adopted.

Mr. James Popert, on behalf of the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, pastor, invited Synod to hold its next annual convention in their church. This invitation was seconded by Rev. H. C. Funk, of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, and on motion, the invitation was accepted by Synod.

Report of Committee on Applications of New Congregations.

There have come to your committee applications for membership in this body from three newly organized congregations, viz., St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran, of San Francisco, the First Evangelical Lutheran, of Glendale, and St. Paul's English Lutheran, of Seattle, Wash. Copies of the constitution of these congregations accompanied the applications.

Your committee have carefully examined these papers and find them in the strictest conformity with the principles and regulations of this Synod.

We, therefore, recommend the reception of these congregations into membership in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim*.

The following ruling was made by the President: "The reception of the Seattle mission is not to be construed as including Washington and Oregon in the field of California Synod. It is a matter of an individual congregation."

This report pending, Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Chambers.

FOURTH EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1912.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. J. E. Hoick, of San José, on "Our Educational Problems."

The Synodical vote of thanks to the entertaining congregations was read by the Secretary.

SIXTH SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1912, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with a devotional study of Philippians 3 by Rev. O. H. Gruver, and prayer by Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., and Rev. H. S. Feix.

After roll-call and reading and approval of the minutes, the Committee on Letters and Papers reported.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee would report that there have been received communications of greeting and well wishes from representatives of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Education, Deaconess Motherhouse, Pastors' Fund Society, and Nachusa Orphanage.

1. We recommend that the Secretary of the Synod be instructed to respond suitably to each of these communications, conveying our good wishes, our appreciation for literature from each, and to communicate all information relative to any special action taken by our body pertaining to each Board.

2. We have communications from the official representatives of the Pacific Synod, Revs. T. A. Schoenberg and Emil Meyer, conveying greetings to this Synod. We recommend that these be read to the Synod and a fraternal representative from this Synod be appointed for the next meeting of the Pacific Synod; and also that our Secretary acknowledge receipt of above communications, expressing our appreciation of these fraternal exchanges and our desire for continuing the same.

3. A communication is in our hands from the National Reform Association asking the appointment of one or more delegates to the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference at Portland, Ore., June 28th to July 8th, 1913. We recommend that the President and Secretary provide proper credentials to all members of our body who expect and are willing to attend this convention without expense to our body.

4. We have a communication from the "Mary and Martha Circle," of Redlands, which we recommend be read to the Synod and submitted to our congregations by their pastors for consideration whenever and wherever feasible.

5. A communication is received from the Council of the First Lutheran Church, of Redlands, embodying a resolution asking that a fund be created, to be borne by all congregations of the Synod, to provide the moving expense and transportation of their pastor-elect from the East. We recommend that this congregation submit their appeal for aid to the Board of Home Missions with the co-operation and approval of our Advisory Board of Home Missions.

6. A series of resolutions comes to us from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We recommend that they be read

to Synod, but that the matter be left to the desire and discretion of the congregation entertaining Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY M. LEECH,
ADOLPH JATHO,
C. A. WALTON.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Item 4 adopted.

Item 5 adopted.

Item 6 adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee, having examined the President's report, beg leave to submit the following:

1. With praise to God we acknowledge the growth of our California Synod by which we are now entitled to 10 delegates to the General Synod instead of 6, as heretofore.

2. We extend our sincere thanks to our worthy President for his faithful labors in behalf of our Synod.

3. We endorse all recommendations contained in the President's report.

4. We recommend the payment of all bills attached to said report.

5. We rejoice in the honor of having the title of Doctor of Divinity conferred by our own educational institutions upon two of our most deserving brothers, Herbert J. Weaver and William E. Crouser.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. FEIX,
R. W. MOTTERN,
D. J. SNYDER.

Report of Committee on President's Report received and considered *seriatim*.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 considered *seriatim*.

Recommendation 1 adopted.

Recommendation 2 adopted.

Recommendation 3 adopted.

Recommendation 4 adopted.

Recommendation 5 adopted.

Item 4 adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

On motion, the President's report was then adopted.

The Secretary gave notice of intention to offer the following amendment to the Synodical Constitution:

ARTICLE XII.

Standing Committees.

SECTION 1. After each annual convention of Synod the following six standing committees shall be appointed, each to consist of three members, one of whom may be a layman, excepting Committee No. 3. Committee No. 5 shall be composed of three laymen.

(1) On Beneficiary Education.

(2) On the Examination of Candidates for Licensure and Ordination.

(3) On State of the Church.

(4) On Minutes of Synod.

(5) On Lutheran Brotherhood.

(6) Executive Committee.

Section 1, Supplemental. In addition to these committees there shall be an Advisory Board of Home Missions, consisting of five members, of which the President shall be one and *ex-officio* chairman, and two of whom may be laymen, and who shall be elected by Synod at the time of the regular election of officers. The Missionary Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* a member of this Board, in addition to the five elected. This Advisory Board of Home Missions shall take the place of the former Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension wherever found in this constitution.

Art. XII, Sec. 2, last line to be changed as follows: "This committee shall meet once a month at such time and place as may be agreed upon."

Report of the Statistical Secretary on Apportionment.

Resolved, That the per-capita apportionment of California Synod for 1912-1913 be as follows:

General Synod	$0.03
Synodical Treasury	.15
Home Missions	.35
Foreign Missions	.30
Church Extension	.20
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.12
Pastors' Fund	.10
Deaconess Board	.10
Home for the Aged	.05
Tabitha Home	.03
California Home Missions	.50
California Church Extension	.05
	$2.18

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance, appointed at the last meeting of Synod, most respectfully report as follows:

The cause during the last eighteen months has by no means taken a backward step.

Many severe struggles between the "wet" and "dry" temperance forces have taken place throughout the nation, gaining in one locality while losing in another.

The nine states swept into the Prohibition ranks a few years ago have maintained themselves heroically, working out a remarkable temperance program.

After a wonderful record for over 50 years under prohibitory law, the State of Maine had the severest test recently in its history, and after much doubt as to the result in its recent election, she still remains at the head of the white states. An amendment to the state constitution, to substitute local option for state-wide prohibition, was defeated. We hail the great victory.

At the state election, within the last few weeks, the State of Arkansas considered the question of state-wide prohibition, but the cause was overwhelmingly defeated, while her neighboring state, Oklahoma, has enjoyed the blessings since her admittance into the Union.

North Dakota also has had to pass through the fires of severe opposition to her constitutional prohibitory clause. Of this Governor Burk says: "At each session of the Legislature since statehood a resolution to resubmit the clause to the people was introduced. Since 1907 prohibition has become a settled policy of the state."

Kansas has so often been referred to by the liquor interests to

prove the failure of prohibitory law, but facts decidedly prove the contrary. Kansas has 105 counties—87 have no insane, 54 no feeble-minded, 96 no inebriates, 38 have no inmates on their "poor farms." In July, 1911, 53 county jails were entirely empty; 65 counties had no prisoners serving sentence; some counties have not called a jury for a criminal case in ten years.

On last January 15th the new Vanderbilt Hotel, in New York City, opened up an elaborate, well-stocked bar exclusively for women, but the self-respecting women of that beer-sodden city did not patronize it, so after two weeks' experiment it died a natural death.

In our own Golden State the cause of temperance and the liquor forces have been waging great battle.

The growth of "dry" territory during the last two years only has been remarkable. Three years ago there were 200 "dry" towns in the state, today there are 530. Fresno County, the greatest sweet-wine producing county in America, went entirely "dry" at the last election except the towns of Fresno and Coalingo.

During the first seven months of this year 141 towns, formerly "wet," voted the traffic out. Two years ago we had seven counties "dry," now there are 15 in the state.

Since the adoption of the Wylie state local-option law 471 saloons have been put out of business and 44 supervisorial districts have gone "dry."

These are some of the wonderful victories that have been achieved for temperance. The liquor element has gotten scared and taken up the cry throughout the state, "California is going dry," and there must be some truth in the statement when your enemies say so.

We heartily commend the aims, purposes, work and remarkable success of the Anti-Saloon League, that has helped to bring about such splendid results.

We wish to recommend that our Synod heartily endorses the actions of the General Synod and former actions of this Synod in its unqualified attitude favoring strict temperance reform.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. MOTTERN,
J. J. CHAMBERS.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Other Synods.

As no minutes from other Synods have been submitted to your committee, we would have no report to be considered had there not been referred to us the recommendation of the General Synod's Board of Education concerning the administration of the work and funds of ministerial education.

After carefully considering the subject your committee feel that it is not wise for California Synod to enter into this compact, and that we cannot, therefore, give it our approval. We recommend:

1. That this Synod disapprove the plan for the present.

2. That this Synod levy a special apportionment of 12 cents per member for its work of ministerial education; and

3. That said fund be administered by our local committee on Ministerial Education, in accordance with our Synodical Constitution.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
J. A. BOHN.

Report considered *seriatim*.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Report of Devotional Committee.

Your Committee on the Supply of Pulpits by Pastors of the California Synod for Sunday, September 22d, 1912, report that pulpits were filled as follows:

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, A. M., Rev. Geo. W. Enders, D. D.; First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, A. M., Rev. H. M. Leech; First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, P. M., Rev. Geo. W. Enders, D. D.; First Lutheran Sunday School, Los Angeles, Rev. H. E. Feix; St. Mark's Sunday School, Los Angeles, Rev. Geo. P. Goll; Trinity, Long Beach, A. M., Rev. O. H. Gruver; Trinity, Pasadena, A. M., Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman; Trinity, Redlands, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M. D.; Second United Presbyterian, Los Angeles, A. M., Rev. R. W. Mottern; Second United Presbyterian, Los Angeles, P. M., Rev. J. J. Chambers; First Methodist Episcopal Church, Hollywood, P. M., Rev. J. E. Hummon.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER,
H. A. GETZ.

After hearing a letter from the Church Council of St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we urgently recommend to the Board of Church Extension the continuance for three years longer of their agreement with St. Matthew's Church, of San Francisco, to pay a monthly interest of $25.00.

Resolved, That we authorize Dr. Enders to appear before the Board, in its regular session, in behalf of said church.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee held but one meeting during the year. At the close of the Northern Conference the committee were called to order in St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, May 8th, 1912. Rev. Oscar H. Gruver was appointed Secretary. In conformity with the recommendation of the Conferences of the Synod the apportionment of fifty cents per member for collegiate institute was withdrawn, and, on motion, the sum of twenty-five cents per member was apportioned for the support of the Synodical Missionary during the remainder of the Synodical year. It was further decided that the second Sunday in June be set apart as Synodical Missionary Day.

We recommend that these decisions of the committee be approved.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE W. BALL,
President.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary Pro Tem.

Report adopted.

Report of the Board of Directors, California Educational Institution.

Your Directors of the California Educational Institution beg leave to present this report of their work since the last meeting of Synod.

The Directors organized by electing Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., President, and Rev. O. H. Gruver, Secretary.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman resigned from the Directory during the year, and the President of Synod appointed the Rev. D. J. Snyder to fill the vacancy.

Several offers of land, to become the location of the Institution, were received by the Directors, but none of them could be accepted.

The following proposition was received from the Board of Education, expressing their purpose to assist in the establishment of the Institution:

PROPOSITION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

First: The apportionment to the Board of Education shall be paid in full.

Second: The proceeds from the Synodical special apportionment of 50 cents per communicant for above object shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Third: The above conditions being met, the Treasurer of the

Board of Education will forward to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the proposed Institution a sum equal to the proceeds from the Synodical 50-cent apportionment, in addition thereto.

Fourth: Any property acquired for the proposed Institution shall be held in trust for the General Synod by the Board of Education.

We recommend that this action be taken by Synod on the proposition.

WHEREAS, The conditions of the past year have been such as to make the acceptance of the proposition of the Board of Education impossible; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily thank the Board for their definite offer and good-will; and

Resolved, That we request the Board to hold open their offer until such time as we may be able to accept it.

We recommend that Synod elect three directors to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of terms.

We recommend that Synod ratify the appointment of Rev. D. J. Snyder to fill out the term of Rev. G. H. Hillerman, resigned.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
President.

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your committee in comparing the state of the Church with the last report find that our pastors have not been wanting in their diligence, nor the congregations lacking in interest in the active operations of the Church. The conditions reveal an advance along nearly all lines of work. We note with gratitude to God the numerical and financial growth of the Church. There has been a net gain of 144 communicant members and a gain of 211 confirmed members. An increase of 155 is reported for the membership of our Bible schools. The time-honored method of catechization is faithfully followed by our pastors, there being an increase of 74 over the preceding year.

There has been a very substantial increase in the value of Church property, a gain of $79,260.00 being reported, with an increase of only $5,388.00 in the indebtedness of our congregations.

Among our losses we find a lamentable falling off in the number of students for the ministry, and a shortage of 104 in the membership of our Young People's Societies. The general spiritual condition of the Church is not what it ought to be, and there are many discouragements; chief among these are the love of worldly pleasure

and the pursuit of gain. On the other hand there are encouragements. Many of our people are refusing to bow the knee to Baal, and are loyal to Christ and His holy Church. Moreover, we have the sure word of God and His promise of ultimate success.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. FUNK,
J. W. ROMICH.

Report adopted.

A check for $15.00 received from Rev. L. C. Routzahn was ordered placed to the credit of Synodical Home Missions.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. Pontow, to meet at 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 P. M.

The Secretary called the convention to order, and Rev. H. S. Feix was elected temporary chairman.

Reading of minutes postponed to close of the session.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts beg leave to report that we have examined the books and checked up the vouchers and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. REIMER,
JAMES POPERT.

Report adopted.

The report of the Ministerium was received and adopted. (See Ministerium Minutes, page 46.)

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conference.

Committee have examined minutes of the Northern and Southern Conference, which show activity in all their lines of work, especially so in the excellent papers which were presented in the conventions of both bodies. Both Conferences are in hearty accord in the work of the Synodical missionary.

Respectfully submitted, M. F. RINKER,
GEORGE P. GOLL.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence with Church Papers.

Your Committee on Correspondence with the Church Papers have gathered and transmitted items of interest to *Lutheran Observer, Lutheran World,* and *Lutheran Church Work.* An average of a column of "California Notes" has appeared each month in the church papers. In addition, several articles of greater length on "Home Mission Work in California," "Non-Christian Faiths on the Pacific Coast," and "San Francisco, the Religious Problem of California," were contributed to our church magazines.

California churches occupy a unique place in the General Synod. Our state receives more mission aid than any other. If the Treasurer of the Church is in California, then her heart and interest are there also. To keep the Church informed regarding the condition and progress of our work should be regarded as a duty.

We, therefore, recommend that the "California Notes" be continued, also that each of the pastors shall feel under obligation to send promptly to the official correspondents all items of interest in connection with their Church work.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
R. W. MOTTERN,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. E. CROUSER,
H. C. FUNK,
D. J. SNYDER.

Report adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Application of New Congregations was resumed with the following action taken:

1. St. Luke's, San Francisco, received.
2. First Church, Glendale, received.
3. *Resolved,* That the church at Seattle, Wash., be received into this Synod subject to the action of the General Synod on the report of the Joint Commission on Division of Home Mission Territory.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Budget of Traveling Expenses of Pastors.

Your committee respectfully report that the necessary traveling expenses of pastors to this Synod amount to $199.00. The average is $8.65 per capita.

This amount has been collected from the pastors except from Rev. J. R. Brauer, of Seattle.

We recommend that Synod advance the necessary amount to balance this account.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. CHAMBERS,
H. H. RIPPE.

Report adopted.

Amendments to Constitution of the General Synod.

Your committee hereby recommend the approval by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California of the following amendments to the constitution of the General Synod:

I. That Article II, Section 1, be amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting the following: "Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate." [Disapproved.]

II. The insertion of a new article to be known as

ARTICLE II.

Doctrinal Basis.

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Fathers, the General Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and it receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of our Church as founded upon the Word. [Approved.]

III. The insertion of another new article, namely:

ARTICLE III.

The Secondary Symbols.

While the General Synod regards the Augsburg Confession as a sufficient and altogether adequate doctrinal basis for the co-operation of Lutheran Synods, it also recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Small Catechism of Luther, the Large Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as expositions of Lutheran doctrine of great historical and interpretative value, and especially commends the Small Catechism as a book of instruction. [Approved.]

IV. Change the number of the present Article II to IV, strike out its third section, and substitute for it the following:

ARTICLE IV.

Section 3. Any properly organized Lutheran Synod may be received into the General Synod at any meeting, provided it shall have adopted this constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II. [Approved.]

[Cf. pages 23 and 24, Minutes of 1911.]

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
H. GEHRCKE.

Adopted as a whole, with answers as above.

Moved, that the Secretary be instructed to send the Secretary of the General Synod a report of the action of this Synod on these proposed amendments. The report to be properly signed by officers of Synod and bear the Synodical seal.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee would report that there came to it requests to be excused from attendance on this convention of Synod from the following brethren, and we recommend that they be excused: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, J. S. Moser, C. F. Oehler, L. C. Routzahn, Wm. Brandes, J. Gutleben, J. C. Pedersen, H. Wiemken, J. R. Bräuer, E. F. A. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart and A. E. Isham.

We would also recommend that the following lay delegates be excused for non-attendance: Christian Grass, F. W. Chapman, M. Hestorff, H. C. Hacke, Peter Scheidt, W. Michel, C. W. Hershey, Robt. Cunning and D. H. Hornor, M. D.

The following brethren have asked to be excused from certain sessions of Synod and the request was granted by the committee: Revs. Hoick, Jatho, Swickard, Mottern, Goll and Roehmer.

Respectfully submitted, H. R. PONTOW,
N. N. HARTER,
E. SICK.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Young People's Societies would report that this work during the past year does not appear to have been very prosperous. While there have been individual societies that have made advancement and commendable progress, the parochial report of Synod indicates a waning of interest and records an actual loss.

There has been a decrease of five societies and of 104 members. We have no way of finding out the reasons for the condition which prevails, and, therefore, are unable to suggest a remedy except that general remedy, the insistence by our pastors upon a program of work for our young people which will engender zeal and enthusiasm, and thereby develop and maintain an interest in this important department of our Church's activities.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HUMMON,
O. H. GRUVER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would report a healthful progress of our Sunday schools. During the year there has been an increase of three schools, eleven officers and teachers, and one hundred and fifty-five scholars. There has also been an increase in the benevolent offerings of $80.00 and in contributions for local objects of $1,320.00.

A number of our Sunday schools are introducing and using successfully organized Bible classes, the Cradle Roll, and Home Department.

Our Sunday school literature, which is as "good as the best and better than the rest," is generally used by our schools.

The entire enrollment of the Sunday schools is 2,494, the baptized membership is 5,681, or 3,187 who are not in connection with the Bible schools. As the Sunday school in a very large manner forms the recruiting ground for the Catechetical class and church membership, we recommend more earnest zeal and effort in the advancement of this great agency of the Church.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
J. W. ROMICH.

Report adopted.

The following letter was read to Synod:

Los Angeles, Cal.,
September 25th, 1912.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

The Council of the First Lutheran Church of Los Angeles has unanimously adopted a resolution requesting Synod to invite the 1915 convention of the General Synod to meet in Los Angeles.

We request the appointing of a committee of three to use every effort to obtain the 1915 General Synod in Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
President of Council.

Request approved, and committee appointed as follows: H. A. Getz, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., who have power to arrange all the details.

Synod adopted the following:

Rules to Regulate Synod's Representation in the General Synod.

1. The clerical delegate receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot securing an election shall be the chairman of the delegation; provided, that the delegates may have the privilege of electing their own chairman.

2. Any one having been elected delegate to the General Synod, upon his removal from the bounds of the Synod shall lose his right to represent this Synod, even though he retains his membership with the same.

3. The alternate receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot securing an election shall fill the first vacancy, and so on in the order of their election. Those elected on the earlier ballots shall always have precedence over those elected on the later ballots, even though the latter may have a larger number of votes.

4. The alternate who takes the place of a regular delegate shall always stand at the end of the list.

5. No clerical member of Synod shall be eligible to election as delegate to the General Synod for two successive meetings.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., was commissioned to represent the Synod at the dedication of the German Lutheran Church, Sacramento, October 6th.

Verbal report from Committee on Evangelistic Services received.

The time for election of officers having arrived, the President appointed the following tellers:

For clerical delegates to General Synod: J. F. Reimer, A. Cornelius, Rev. A. Jatho.

For lay delegates to General Synod: Revs. Walton, Derr and Pontow.

For Synodical officers: Revs. Rippe and Pontow.

(For result of elections, see pages 3 and 4.)

After prayer by Rev. H. C. Funk, Synod extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., to enter upon the office of Synodical missionary.

On motion, the following items were adopted:

Seven hundred copies of the minutes to be printed and distributed *pro rata* membership.

The deed of the lot of the Alpaugh congregation to be handed over to the congregation by the Trustees of Synod.

On motion, the Executive Committee was given power to eliminate from the Synodical program of next year all matters of a conference character.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet October 10th, 1913, in the German Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California, Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, pastor.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM

Los Angeles, Tuesday, September 25, 10.30 a. m.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman.

The President read a report stating the object of the meeting of the Ministerium as follows:

Application of Rev. C. Walton.

Since January 1st, 1912, Christ Church, of Alameda, has been served quite acceptably by the Rev. C. Walton, who, until recently, has been connected with the German Evangelical Synod of North America. He has sustained a preliminary examination before the Examining Committee of the Synod and the Bay Cities Pastoral Association. His application for admission into the Synod is endorsed by them.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE W. BALL.

The application of Rev. C. A. Walton was read, together with the endorsement of the Bay Cities Conference, and, on motion, the brother was brought before the Ministerium for examination, conducted by the Examining Committee, which committee was augmented by the person of Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., taking the place of Dr. Hoskinson.

Brother Walton was excused; and, on motion, after recommendation by the Examining Committee, his name was entered on the roll of the Ministerium; and on a second motion, his name was entered on the roll of the members of California Synod.

Rev. Walton then took his place with the Ministerium.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

Los Angeles, Tuesday, September 24, 4.30 p. m.

Ministerium was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. Jatho.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that correspondence was had with Rev. L. C. Routzahn, and he had expressed a desire to be continued on the roll of Synod; and that no communication had been secured with Rev. Lutz Horn.

On the strength of a report by Rev. Herman Gehrcke concerning the present work of Rev. Horn, it was resolved to ask Synod to instruct its Secretary to get into communication with Rev. Horn in regard to an orderly dismission from this Synod.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

Churches.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Tabitha and Orphans' Homes.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Bay City Fund.	Missionary.	Grand Totals.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	$6 00	$9 04	.....	$183 45	.....	.....	$65 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	$177 96	$155 25	$250 00	.....	$847 14	.....	.....
Alameda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$146 00
Alpaugh	2 00	9 00	$26 00	21 00	$13 00	$3 00	3 00	$5 00	$6 00	$3 00	$2 00	6 00	3 00	.....	$24 00	126 00	$17 00	12 00
Barstow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 00
Fresno	5 00	10 00	10 45	5 00	10 00	8 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 45	.....	493 55
Long Beach	2 00	14 50	33 00	29 00	19 83	19 00	5 00	6 40	9 00	5 20	8 50	9 00	5 00	.....	16 00	181 43	7 43	.....
Los Angeles, First	11 00	78 00	194 00	174 00	111 00	111 00	27 00	39 00	50 00	27 00	17 00	56 00	27 00	.....	139 00	1061 00	54 00	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	3 00	11 00	27 00	8 50	5 00	5 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	20 50	15 00	.....	.....	101 00	10 00	64 00
Oakland	3 00	17 00	41 00	35 00	23 00	23 00	6 00	8 00	11 00	6 00	3 00	12 00	6 00	.....	20 00	214 00	.....	.....
Pasadena	.....	5 00	29 00	12 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	73 00	.....	80 00
Redlands	2 00	12 00	29 00	26 00	17 00	17 00	3 00	6 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	22 75	5 00	.....	13 00	168 75	13 75	3 00
Riverside	2 00	15 00	38 00	33 00	22 00	22 00	6 00	8 00	9 00	6 00	3 00	11 00	6 00	.....	18 00	199 00	.....	.....
Sacramento, First	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	212 00
Sacramento, German	9 00	66 00	99 00	95 00	63 00	40 00	20 00	.....	16 10	.....	11 00	47 00	24 00	.....	25 00	515 00	.....	334 90
Salinas	.....	.....	19 95	24 40	16 55	12 05	.....	2 40	.....	2 00	5 40	5 10	.....	.....	12 50	100 35	5 35	51 00
San Bernardino	2 00	14 00	35 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	8 00	9 00	5 00	3 00	11 00	5 00	.....	16 25	183 25	25	.....
San Diego	3 00	21 00	50 00	44 00	29 00	29 00	8 00	11 00	14 00	8 00	13 00	15 00	8 00	.....	24 00	277 00	9 00	.....
Santa Barbara	1 00	5 00	11 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	15 00	70 00	13 00	2 00
San Francisco, First	6 00	30 00	45 00	25 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	156 00	.....	344 00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	2 00	12 00	29 00	10 00	10 00	.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	1 00	5 00	2 00	.....	10 00	89 00	.....	70 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	3 00	20 00	50 00	25 00	28 00	28 00	8 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	196 00	.....	65 00
San Francisco, St. Luke's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00	.....
San José	3 00	17 00	51 00	25 00	23 00	13 00	6 00	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	19 00	160 00	10 00	60 00
Seattle	.....	.....	11 48	2 00	9 00	4 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 36	27 36	.....
Sanger	2 00	5 65	14 45	7 00	2 05	1 70	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 80	1 00	.....	.....	40 65	.....	240 35
Glendale	60	4 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....
From Other Sources.																		
Photos	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bay City Fund (transfer)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Ministerial Ed. (transfer)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	35 00	.....	.....
												45 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	.....
Amount received	67 60	387 59	843 33	823 35	443 43	362 63	178 44	111 80	144 00	73 20	83 90	490 11	263 25	250 00	426 75	4949 38	187 14	2303 80
Amount remitted	67 60	306 29	843 33	823 35	443 43	362 63	45 00	111 80	144 00	73 20	83 90	488 25	100 00	250 00	324 50	4467 28	.....	.....
Difference	.....	81 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 86	163 25	.....	102 25	482 10	.....	.....
Deficit on object	12 40	94 45	330 67	367 10	223 57	294 37	63 00	129 20	162 00	102 80	21 10	72 85	81 25	35 00	162 25	.....	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer.*

Churches.	Communicant Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Total.
Alameda	54	$2	$8	$19	$16	$11	$11	$6	$5	$5	$3	$2	$27	$3	$118
Alpaugh	45	1	7	16	14	9	9	5	5	5	2	1	23	2	99
Fresno	170	5	27	60	51	34	34	20	17	17	8	5	85	8	371
Glendale	27	1	4	9	8	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	14	1	58
Long Beach	66	2	10	23	20	13	13	8	7	7	3	2	33	3	144
Los Angeles, First	388	12	58	136	116	78	78	47	39	39	19	12	194	19	848
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	70	2	11	25	21	14	14	8	7	7	4	2	35	4	152
Oakland	66	2	10	23	20	13	13	8	7	7	3	2	33	3	144
Pasadena	80	2	12	28	24	16	16	10	8	8	4	2	40	4	174
Redlands	45	1	7	16	14	9	9	5	5	5	2	1	23	2	99
Riverside	72	2	11	25	22	14	14	9	7	7	4	2	36	4	157
Sacramento, First	75	2	11	26	23	15	15	9	8	8	4	2	36	4	163
Sacramento, German	313	9	47	110	94	63	63	38	31	31	16	9	157	16	684
Salinas	44	1	7	15	13	9	9	5	4	4	2	1	22	2	94
San Bernardino	85	3	13	30	26	17	17	10	9	9	4	3	43	4	190
San Diego	122	4	18	44	37	24	24	15	12	12	6	4	61	6	267
San Francisco, First	160	5	24	56	48	32	32	19	16	16	8	5	80	8	349
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	64	2	10	22	19	13	13	8	6	6	3	2	32	3	139
San Francisco, St. Luke's	30	1	5	11	9	6	6	4	3	3	2	1	15	2	68
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	104	3	16	36	31	21	21	12	10	10	5	3	52	5	225
Sanger	89	3	13	31	27	18	18	11	9	9	4	3	45	4	193
San José	82	2	12	29	25	16	16	10	8	8	4	2	41	4	176
Santa Barbara	41	1	6	14	12	8	8	5	4	4	2	1	22	2	89
Seattle, Wash.	22	1	3	8	7	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	11	1	51
Total	2314	$69	$350	$812	$697	$462	$462	$278	$232	$232	$114	$69	1160	$114	5052

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR H. GRUVER, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	Parochial.					Losses.			Accessions.								Finances.			
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.
1	C. A. Walton	Alameda	Christ	1	..	1	..	12	4	10	8	12	...	12	...	6	54	70	181	$6000	$1420	$1106	$1000
2	J. J. Chambers	Alpaugh	First	1	..	2	..	2	...	1	1	7	1	1	1	...	45	45	67	5000	1315	695	2010
3	H. H. Rippe	Fresno	Wartburg	1	..	...	..	30	1	...	30	44	...	30	...	...	170	238	500	7000	1250	500	657
4	M. F. Rinker	Glendale	First	1	..	1	..	9	...	...	...	...	...	9	16	2	27	27	28	.....	.....	141	.....
5	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	3	..	6	2	4	4	5	2	3	10	3	66	81	124	10500	3675	1018	500
6	H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	4	..	24	1	13	74	31	9	22	27	21	388	598	822	90000	11100	6721	1352
7	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	9	4	2	2	10	2	7	21	11	70	101	166	13500	4500	951	6321
8	H. M. Leech	Oakland	First	1	..	2	..	6	1	...	...	17	1	4	5	5	66	155	198	50000	9220	2300	.....
9	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	2	..	12	...	1	7	4	2	10	15	7	80	117	127	10000	1900	781	180
10	Vacant	Redlands	First	1	..	2	1	....	3	12	17	6	1	7	11	1	45	59	82	9000	.....	701	75
11	R. W. Mottern	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	3	..	....	2	1	20	2	3	...	11	9	72	86	108	6000	.....	1260	.....
12	H. C. Funk	Sacramento	First	1	..	1	..	10	2	3	15	10	2	10	3	...	75	145	200	20000	2700	1325	200
13	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	18	6	...	12	45	...	20	...	...	313	604	1092	90000	6000	3815	67000
14	N. N. Harter	Salinas	Our Saviour	1	..	1	..	8	...	3	17	3	...	6	1	4	44	59	74	4500	1700	442	132
15	J. W. Romich	San Bernardino	First	1	..	2	..	12	2	...	6	13	3	18	7	7	85	104	175	6300	2800	884	411
16	G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1	..	3	..	15	1	4	25	15	1	8	25	13	122	155	227	20000	1315	2460	169
17	W. E. Crouser	San Francisco	First	1	..	2	1	20	2	1	20	18	8	15	5	5	160	434	485	60000	4699	5039	1701
18	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	...	..	6	4	...	...	19	...	6	...	7	64	116	190	16500	1800	837	814
19	J. E. Hummon	San Francisco	St. Luke's	1	..	...	..	....	...	...	...	...	2	3	25	...	30	30	45	600	150	40	150
20	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	...	..	16	7	...	...	23	...	15	2	...	104	156	238	42000	11665	2017	1008
21	H. R. Pontow	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	...	..	2	1	19	2	19	...	2	6	...	89	91	211	2800	500	700	289
22	J. E. Hoick	San José	Grace	1	..	3	..	12	2	1	29	15	4	21	10	3	82	142	185	20000	500	1300	315
23	G. P. Goll	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	1	..	5	1	4	13	5	1	1	2	24	41	53	68	10000	1312	474	980
24	J. R. Braeuer	Seattle, Wash.	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	7	...	...	16	3	21	4	43	1	22	34	88	650	.....	1790	.....
25	Totals for 1912			24	..	38	2	241	46	79	318	326	63	234	246	129	2314	3700	5681	$500350	$69521	$37297	$85264
26	Totals for 1911			21	3	31	6	167	31	56	262	281	14	114	120	118	2170	3489	5573	426090	64133	25939	38743
27	Gain			3	..	7	..	74	15	23	56	45	49	120	126	11	144	211	108	$74260	$5388	$11358	$46521
28	Loss			..	3	...	4	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's*	1	..	...	..	24	21	...	6	62	3	24	...	23	342	380	667	$180000	$300	$3162	$340

* Independent congregation.

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	10	60	$154	.....	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	$2106
2	1	14	107	78	$8	1	16	$7	$7	$2	$9	$55	$21	$16	$3	$3	$10	$5	.....	$6	$3	$2	$30	$165	2870
3	1	12	200	.....	5	...	....	.....	.....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	1167
4	1	12	15	40	4	1	10	.....	.....	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	146
5	1	10	67	110	42	1	20	24	13	2	14	58	29	24	19	5	11	6	$5	9	5	3	20	210	1728
6	1	36	295	716	106	5	112	93	517	11	78	415	549	568	111	27	252	139	.....	50	27	17	456	2700	10773
7	1	10	105	141	27	1	10	17	5	2	11	47	9	20	5	.....	41	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	157	7429
8	1	20	110	380	89	...	20	.....	.....	3	17	79	35	23	23	6	40	8	.....	11	6	3	125	379	2679
9	1	7	58	69	27	1	37	16	.....	....	5	29	12	16	....	....	44	....	.....	....	....	3	8	117	1078
10	1	15	80	187	36	2	43	75	26	2	12	29	26	17	17	5	78	6	.....	8	5	3	40	248	1024
11	1	17	100	147	55	2	50	35	11	2	15	49	33	28	22	6	91	8	.....	9	6	3	18	290	1550
12	1	7	83	85	7	1	15	40	.....	3	10	5	5	5	5	....	28	....	.....	....	....	....	25	86	1611
13	1	22	240	375	145	1	75	165	35	9	16	99	95	63	40	....	357	....	.....	16	....	11	55	761	71576
14	1	4	25	12	34	1	28	17	15	....	2	28	19	12	12	....	....	2	.....	5	2	3	22	107	681
15	1	12	160	61	48	1	22	60	17	2	14	62	30	25	20	5	50	8	.....	9	5	3	6	238	1533
16	1	19	194	279	101	2	59	38	71	3	21	89	44	37	29	8	219	11	3	14	8	5	89	580	3209
17	1	15	140	250	74	1	45	168	10	6	30	85	25	....	....	10	27	....	.....	....	....	....	185	368	7108
18	1	4	42	134	21	...	....	.....	.....	2	12	44	10	13	....	2	88	2	.....	3	....	1	26	203	1854
19	1	9	98	37	.....	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	15	205
20	1	15	80	250	40	1	48	216	100	3	20	64	25	28	28	8	46	5	2	6	4	3	12	254	3279
21	1	2	69	5	2	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	.....	....	....	....	39	41	1030
22	1	8	76	78	46	1	15	18	.....	3	17	60	35	23	23	6	94	....	.....	....	....	3	10	274	1889
23	1	9	36	79	10	...	....	.....	.....	1	5	11	9	6	6	2	5	2	3	3	2	2	18	75	1529
24	1	5	54	60	12	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	5	4	5	3	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	17	1807
25	24	294	2494	$3727	$939	23	625	$989	$827	$57	$322	$1328	$1015	$929	$366	$95	$1481	$208	$13	$149	$73	$65	$1200	$7300	$129861
26	21	283	2339	2407	859	28	729	1189	712	45	202	1001	766	762	294	66	1215	108	4	129	53	75	968	5688	70269
27	3	11	155	$1320	$80	...	....	.....	$115	$12	$120	$327	$249	$167	$72	$29	$266	$100	$9	$20	$20	....	$232	$1612	$59592
28	...	....	....	.....	.....	5	104	$200	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	$10	.....	.....	.....
29	1	16	139	$124	$60	4	86	$137	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	$187	$187	$3689

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

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NEXT CONVENTION.

Place—Sacramento, German Church.
Time—To be determined later.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REV. J. W. BALL, PH. D., PASTOR)
LOS ANGELES, CAL., SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1912

FIRST SESSION.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., SEPTEMBER 21, 9 A. M.

The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Ball. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

The delegates presented their credentials and roll was called as follows:

Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Dolk.
Los Angeles (First)—Mrs. Trautwein, Mrs. Maxwell.
Riverside (Trinity)—Mrs. Reimer.
San Diego (First)—Miss Leisenring, Mrs. Hillerman.
Oakland (First)—Mrs. H. M. Leech.
San Bernardino (First)—Mrs. Cunning, Mrs. Nielson.
Santa Barbara (Grace)—Mrs. Hilma Palmer.
Redlands—Mrs. Cornelius.

San Francisco (St. Andrew's)—Mrs. Jatho.
Pasadena (Trinity)—Mrs. Agnes A. King.
Long Beach (Trinity)—Mrs. D. J. Snyder.
The President presented her report.

President's Report.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA:

With hearts filled with gratitude to our heavenly Father for His goodness to us during the last sixteen months, we meet again in convention. We come with messages of good cheer to encourage us mutually. We come with news of the activity in the world which tends to help all mankind and which will help us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others, giving us a broader outlook.

We have some things to encourage us and nothing to discourage.

Finances fluctuate. We compare the year's report with the preceding year and find a deficit. The next six months is such a large increase over the corresponding six months of the year previous that it more than carries the deficit. So we are still gaining financially, and it is most vital that we should do so. On our contributions our whole work depends.

We are glad to report two new societies. Long Beach has organized with a membership of fifteen, and judging by their contributions, their activity must be excellent.

Alpaugh has not regularly organized but has a band of missionary women, who have pledged $10.00 a year, and whose funds pass through the hands of our Auxiliary Treasurer.

The campaign for new members and more magazine subscriptions has helped some, though the increase was not large.

In at least one case magazine subscriptions fell off because of the mistake made in addresses and failure to receive the magazine.

Our women responded nobly to the call for a new building in our African field.

The General Treasurer's report for the June quarter showed a little more than three-fourths of the amount asked had been raised.

We who work in such safety and comfort in the home field cannot realize the disadvantage and discomfort of our workers in the foreign field. Our part is to try with our means to make their work, which will necessarily always be hard, a little easier.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. BALL,
President.

On motion, convention adjourned.

Sunday evening meeting held in First Church, Los Angeles, September 22d, 1912.

Liturgical service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Derr, of Pasadena.

Prayer by Rev. Leech, of Oakland.

Rev. Dr. Enders, President of Home Mission Board, was the speaker of the evening, and in his address paid an eloquent tribute to the work of the women of the Lutheran Church.

The choir contributed special music.

The offering amounted to $27.38.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9 A. M.

Convention joined in devotional service with Synod.

Convention was called to order by Mrs. Hillerman, who presided.

A paper was presented by Miss Amelia Tschumy, entitled, "What Has the Spirit of Missions Done Intellectually." Also a paper prepared by Mrs. Crouser and read by Rev. W. E. Crouser, entitled, "What Has the Spirit of Missions Done Socially." Both papers were very interesting and helpful.

The Rev. Leech, of Oakland, favored convention with a vocal solo.

Mrs. J. H. Harpster talked of her labors and experiences in the mission field of India, which was greatly appreciated.

The minutes of the first session were accepted as read, followed by roll-call.

A report of the Young People's Societies of Pasadena was sent in by Miss Gulack and read by Mrs. Hillerman.

Convention adjourned on motion.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2 P. M.

The President, Mrs. J. W. Ball, presided.

Rev. Geo. P. Goll, of Santa Barbara, offered prayer and gave a very interesting talk, based on his own work and experience in the mission field of West Africa.

Minutes were read and approved.

Roll was called.

Mrs. Hillerman presented the subject of "Mission Study," pleading for greater interest in our missionary topics, and recommended the use of the programs as outlined in our *Lutheran Woman's Work*. To the smaller societies she recommended as a book for study, "Our Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church."

On motion, Dr. Leisenring, of San Diego, was made a life member of the Synodical Society.

The President led in sentence prayers.

Convention adjourned, with the Missionary Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9 A. M.

Convention united in devotional service with Synod.

Convention was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. E. Hoick, of San José, gave a very interesting talk on the Federate School of Missions, located at Mount Hermon.

Mrs. Bent, deaconess of the Bethlehem Institute, of Los Angeles, talked on the immigrant problem and the duty that rests with us as a Christian nation.

Mrs. Leech, of Oakland, told how we may meet this im-

portant problem, referring especially to the Christian immigrants who come to our country.

Rev. Ellis, returned missionary from China, told of his experience and present conditions of China.

Convention was favored with a vocal solo by Mrs. Petts.

Minutes of preceding session were read and approved.

Roll was called.

On motion, convention adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1.30 P. M.

Convention joined Synod in devotions and Sunday School Institute, after which we were called together for business by the President.

Mrs. D. J. Snyder, of Long Beach, presented a paper, entitled, "Women and Social Service," which was interesting and helpful.

Roll-call.

Minutes of preceding session were read and approved.

On motion, it was decided that we join the Federate School of Missions, located at Mount Hermon.

A free-will offering was taken to cover the $5.00 fee for membership.

Mrs. Eldrige talked in behalf of the Mount Hermon Federate School of Missions.

Miss Elsa L. King, of Pasadena, favored convention with a vocal solo.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Membership. Total, not including Life and Home Department Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Home Department.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1908	20	20	...	...	...	....	8	....
Los Angeles, First Church	1887	37	35	2	...	5	....	30	....
San Diego	1893	23	22	1	...	...	....	24	....
Redlands	1905	23	18	5	...	14	....	15	25
San Bernardino	1907	18	18	...	...	...	....	13	....
Riverside	1905	27	21	6	...	6	....	10	25
Pasadena	1904	17	17	...	...	1	17	5	....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1895	38	38	...	...	...	....	4	....
San Francisco, First Church	1891	21	20	1	...	5	....	7	15
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	1908	54	54	...	...	...	....	11	....
Long Beach	1912	15	15	...	...	...	....	3	....
San José	1892	16	14	2	...	3	....	20	25
Oakland	1895	13	13	...	...	1	....	7	....
Sacramento, German	1895	128	98	30	...	5	....	16	....
Santa Barbara	1907	24	21	1	2	...	....	8	....
Sacramento, First, English	1895	12	12	...	...	...	....	8	....
Young People's Societies.									
No reports	....	.....	...	...	...	...	....	....	....
Children's Bands.									
No reports	....	.....	...	...	...	...	....	....	....
Totals	1912	486	436	48	2	40	17	189	90
Totals	1911	450	417	38	8	36	26	138	105
Gain	....	36	19	10	...	4	....	51	....
Loss	....	.....	...	...	6	...	9	....	15

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The Treasurer's report was read, and, on motion, was referred to an Auditing Committee.

Report of Treasurer is as follows: (See page 60.)

Mrs. Hillerman gave the Thank-offering report as follows:

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

The amount of our Thank-offering for the past year was $282.15. We deeply regret that we must report a decrease instead of an increase in this branch of our work, but reports from some societies

indicate the fact that the Jubilee Fund is responsible for the loss.

The Society of Grace Church, San José, received honorable mention in the columns of *Lutheran Woman's Work* for having made the largest proportionate gain in amount of Thank-offering. With a membership of 14 their offering increased from $25.00 to $40.00, being a gain of $1.07 per member.

Both Santa Barbara and Oakland doubled the amount of their offerings over that of the previous year, making a most creditable showing for churches without a pastor.

The largest offering was contributed by San Diego, $52.00, being an increase of $18.00 over the previous year.

With a plea for an *increase* during the coming year this report is

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

The report of the Historian, Mrs. Hoick, of San José, was received and read by Miss Leisenring, of San Diego.

Historian's Report.

Since 1903, when we started our life-membership list in California, we have recorded 50 life members. Three of this number have passed away, Mrs. Myers, of San Francisco, Mrs. Row, of San José, and Mrs. Jacobs, of Redlands, so that the list numbers 47 at present. Fourteen became life members during 1911, more than any other previous year. Since our convention in May in San Diego, 1911, the following names have been added: Frederick Gotwald Hillerman, San Diego, 1911; Ralph Benjamin Oehler, Sacramento, 1911; Mrs. M. Gerber, Sacramento, 1911; Rev. H. J. Weaver, Los Angeles, 1912; Eleanor Melissa Derr, San José, 1912. If there should be any others reported at the convention, please add them to the list.

I would be pleased if the names were sent to me when persons become life members, that I may be able to keep a correct and accurate account of the names. And if there are any deaths of life members, I should also record them. We trust every Auxiliary will soon have an Historian who will keep account of all such facts and data as the years go by.

I am making a file of *Lutheran Woman's Work* each year for the Synodical Society, also minutes of conventions.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK,
Historian.

Report of Treasurer.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	May Memorial Fund.	India Hospital Bed Fund.	Education of Girl in India.	Jubilee Fund.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	New Building in Africa.	Kalamazoo Mission.	Synodical Fund and Tracts.	Chicago Mission.	Totals.
Balance, March 20, 1911											$63 99		$63 99
Offering at Convention, May 3 and 4, 1911											11 56		11 56
Offering at Northern Conference, Nov., 1911, and May, 1912											5 60		5 60
Offering at Southern Conference, April 24, 1912											8 10		8 10
Seminary Fund											50 00		50 00
Alpaugh	$7 50								$2 50				10 00
Long Beach	6 90			$1 50									8 40
Los Angeles (First Church)	62 00	$10 00	$3 35	6 00	$25 00	$50 00	$50 00	$6 00	10 00		3 50		225 85
Los Angeles (A. F. C. Mission Band)	34 10				50 00	25 00	12 70						121 80
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	26 50			1 60			3 75		2 00		1 05		34 90
Oakland	12 50			2 65			4 90				1 50		21 55
Pasadena	20 60			6 90			5 00		5 00		8 80		46 30
Pasadena (Y. W. M. B.)	8 00												8 00
Redlands	31 40			7 00			23 00		50		3 40	$1 25	66 55
Riverside	41 25			10 60			28 30	5 50	5 00		6 50		97 15
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	10 20												10 20
Riverside (Junior C. E.)	1 10												1 10
Sacramento (English)	15 85		65	4 80			9 35		1 40		45		32 50
Sacramento (English C. E.)	1 00												1 00
Sacramento (German)	120 00	20 00		30 00			15 00	10 00	10 00	$10 00	15 00		230 00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10 00												10 00
San Barnardino	23 70			5 40			16 80	2 50			1 75		50 15
San Diego	34 00	10 00		6 00			52 00		10 00		5 00		117 00
San Francisco (First English)	24 80			5 00			8 85				2 50		41 15
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	39 80	30 00		2 00			6 00	5 00			2 15		84 95
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	35 50			5 50		2 50	2 50		2 50		5 25		53 75
San José	27 00	20 00	1 00	6 00			40 00				2 00		96 00
Santa Barbara	9 50						4 00	50	5 00				19 00
Delegate of Synodical Society, in San Diego		10 00											10 00
Deficit contributed by Synodical Society, 1911				1 70									1 70
Gift of Mrs. Hill for Seminary Fund											10 00		10 00
Interest on Deposit											7 08		7 08
Amount Received	603 20	100 00	5 00	102 65	75 00	77 50	282 15	29 50	53 90	10 00	215 18		1555 33
Amount Remitted	603 20	100 00	5 00	102 65	75 00	77 50	282 15	29 50	53 90	10 00		1 25	1340 15
Amount in Treasury											215 18		215 18

Receipts

March 20, 1911. To balance		$63 99
May 3 and 4, 1911. Offering at Convention		11 56
November, 1911, and May, 1912. Offering at Northern Conference		5 60
April 24, 1912. Offering at Southern Conference		8 10
Seminary Fund		50 00
General Fund	$603 20	
Life Membership	100 00	
May Memorial Fund	5 00	
India Hospital Bed Fund	102 65	
Education of Girl in India	75 00	
Jubilee Fund	77 50	
Thank-offering	282 15	
Christmas Offering	29 50	
New Building in Africa	53 90	
Kalamazoo Mission	10 00	
Synodical Fund and Tracts	58 85	
Gift of Mrs. Hill to Seminary Fund	10 00	
Interest on Deposit	7 08	
Chicago Mission	1 25	
		1416 08
		$1555 33

Expenditures.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$603 20	
By Life Membership	100 00	
By May Memorial Fund	5 00	
By India Hospital Bed Fund	102 65	
By Education of Girl in India	75 00	
By Jubilee Fund	77 50	
By Thank-offering	282 15	
By Christmas Offering	29 50	
By New Building in Africa	53 90	
By Kalamazoo Mission	10 00	
By Chicago Mission	1 25	
		$1340 15
By Seminary Fund		50 00
By Gift from Mrs. Hill, Seminary Fund		10 00
By Appropriation at Convention, 1911, for Seminary Fund		40 00
By Interest on Seminary Fund		6 00
Synodical Expenses:		
By President, for 250 programs	$4 00	
By President, for Stationery and Postage	2 50	
By President, for Traveling Expenses	5 00	
By Literature Secretary, Postage and Tracts	5 28	
By Treasurer, for Supplies	4 00	
By Deficit, India Bed Fund	1 70	
		22 48
By Balance		86 70
		$1555 33

The following letters were received and read by the Secretary:

A letter from Miss Stuber, describing her trip to Louisville as delegate to the General Convention. A letter from Mrs. Shaffer, urging all societies to increase their subscriptions to the *Lutheran Woman's Work* magazine. A letter from Mrs. Hoick, pertaining to the Mount Hermon Missionary Convention. A letter from Mrs. Miller, read by Mrs. Reimer, on the May Memorial Fund, asking the societies to double their amounts.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

President's Report—Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Palmer.
Auditing Committee—Miss Leisenring, Mrs. Snyder.
Resolutions—Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Cunning.
Letters and Papers—Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Trautwein.

On motion, the convention adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9 A. M.

Convention joined Synod in devotions.

The President called the meeting to order.

The Rev. Dr. Enders addressed the convention.

The President, Mrs. J. W. Ball, was duly elected as delegate to next Biennial Convention; Mrs. Hillerman as alternate.

On motion, it was decided to furnish $70.00 toward traveling expenses.

On motion, it was decided that the ladies of the Northern Conference be asked to share the expense of membership fee to the Federate School of Missions.

On motion, all bills were ordered paid.

On motion, the following outline for work was adopted:

New Outline for Work.

March—General Fund and India Bed Fund.

June—General Fund and May Memorial.

September—General Fund and Synodical Fee.

December—General Fund, Thank-offering and Christmas Offering.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Roll-call.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee have examined the report of the Corresponding Secretary and found it correct. It showed careful preparation.

The report of the Historian was full of interest.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. M. LEECH,
MRS. TRAUTWEIN.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this convention be extended to the good ladies of St. Mark's and the First Church for the delightful manner in which they have entertained us.

2. That we express our appreciation of the excellent music rendered by the choir and soloists.

3. Also that our sincere thanks be expressed to Mrs. J. H. Harpster, Dr. Goll, Mrs. Bent, Rev. Ellis and the Rev. Dr. Enders for the inspiring and helpful addresses delivered at the sessions, and to those who presented such excellent papers.

4. That we are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father for the inspiration and help gained from our meeting together at this convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
MRS. R. S. CUNNING.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee have examined your report and we are glad to note the encouraging features of the work in our Synodical Society. We are glad to welcome to our ranks two new societies, organized during the past year—Long Beach, whom we have earnestly desired to organize for so long, and the Women's Guild of Alpaugh Church.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts of our beloved President in the discharge of her duties.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. HILMA PALMER,
MRS. MAXWELL.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's book, receipts and vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. D. SNYDER,
MISS LOU S. LEISENRING.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names as nominees:

Officers.

President—Mrs. H. M. Leech, of Oakland.

First Vice-President—Mrs. H. J. Weaver, of Los Angeles.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Crouser, of San Francisco.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. J. Snyder, of Long Beach.

Second Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. Jatho, of San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber, of Sacramento.

Thank-Offering Secretary—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, of San Diego.

Young People's Secretary—Miss Gertrude Gulack, of Pasadena.

Historian—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San José.

Church Literature Committee—Mrs. O. H. Gruver, of San Francisco.

The nominations were accepted and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for the officers nominated, which was done, and the nominees were declared elected.

On motion, it was decided that each society may retain the privilege of sending their President in addition to the

regular delegate. The Southern Conference will meet in the spring in the Riverside Church.

Synodical Convention will be held in Rev. Oehler's Church, in Sacramento, next fall.

A resolution was passed that delegates be provided with room and breakfast only, in order to permit the hostesses to attend sessions of convention.

Dr. Leisenring, of San Diego, expressed his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the convention for the honor of being made a life member of the Synodical Society.

On motion, the convention adjourned, with the Missionary Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. AGNES A. KING,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Socitye of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

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To prevent all mistakes in the writing of wills and making of bequests to the benevolent objects of the Church, it has been ordered that the corporate names and titles of the different Boards and Societies of the General Synod should appear on this page. If those who contemplate making any of the church institutions named below beneficiaries in their last wills are careful to use the legal titles here following, their pious intentions will not be frustrated.

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Number.	Place.	Date.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Pastors Enrolled.	Churches Enrolled.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine, Ph. D.	Rev. J. S. Simon, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1913-1914

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Rev. W. H. DERR, Rev. N. N. HARTER, Rev. C. LEGLER.

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PROGRAM OF SYNOD

Half-hour Devotional Service Each Morning.

The Second Epistle to Timothy, Rev. D. J. Snyder. (Rev. H. C. Funk.)

Friday Evening. Synodical Communion.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hoick. (Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.)

Sunday Morning.

Sermon by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D. (Rev. Chas. F. Oehler, D. D.)

Sunday Evening.

Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Monday Afternoon.

Paper, Augsburg Confession, Art. XVI, "Civil Affairs." Rev. W. R. Morenz-Oeser. (Rev. C. A. Walton.)

Monday Evening.

Sermon by Rev. John R. Braeuer, Ph. D. (Rev. A. E. Isham.)

Tuesday Evening.

Sermon by Rev. George H. Hillerman. (Rev. W. H. Derr.)

Next Convention.

Place—Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, Cal.
Time—October 9th, 1914.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., Pastor)
SACRAMENTO, CAL., OCTOBER 10-15, 1913

Sacramento, Cal., Friday, Oct. 10, 1913, 7.45 p. m.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California assembled in the German Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal., Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., pastor, on Friday evening, October 10th, 1913. The Synodical Sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. J. E. Hoick, of San José, from John 17: 20, 21, on the theme, "Christian Unity, Its Nature and Its Manifestation." Synodical Communion followed, administered by the President and Secretary of Synod, assisted by other members.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

Sacramento, Cal., Saturday, Oct. 11, 1913, 9 a. m.

Synod opened with a half-hour's devotional study of I Timothy 1, "Missing the Mark," conducted by Rev. J. W. Romich, of San Bernardino. The President of Synod, Rev. J. E. Hoick, after conducting the formal liturgical service, announced the Twenty-third Annual Convention of California Synod opened for business.

Synodical Roll.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., D.D., *a. e.*	1879	1891	Montara.		
2	Jacob S. Moser, *a. e.*,†	1877	1892	Washington, D. C., 1107 Massachusetts Av., N.W.	Sacramento, German	James Popert.
3	Charles F. Oehler, D. D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	San Francisco St. Matthew's	E. G. Olsen.
4	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.		
5	L. C. Routzahn, *a. e.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's	Jacob Ohlemutz, *a.*
6	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.		
7	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Oakland, 526 23d St.	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
8	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	San Diego, 1140 21st St.	San José, Grace	C. W. Hershey, *a. e.*
9	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	San José, 180 E. Julian St.	Los Angeles, First	W. Frank Fisher.
10	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 831 Harvard Blvd.	Missionary Superintendent	
11	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	San José, 450 N. 4th St.	Statistical Secretary.	
12	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave.		
13	Lutz Horn, *a.**	1898	1904	Switzerland.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	
14	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.		
15	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2228 High St.		
16	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa	Missionary.	
17	William J. Roehmer, *a.*	1896	1906	Fresno.		
18	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	San Bernardino, 360 Delaware Ave.	San Bernardino, First	E. J. Gustafson, *a.*
19	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Alpaugh, Tulare Co.	Alpaugh, First	J. H. F. Robejohannes.
20	Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph.D., LL.D., *a. e.*‡	1891	1908	Pasadena, 500 Del Rosa Drive.		
21	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	John Esterly, *a. e.*
22	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	San Francisco, 1236 Castro St.	San Francisco, St. Luke's	R. S. E. Dogge.
23	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic St.	Long Beach, Trinity	George L. Curtis, *a. e.*
24	Michael F. Rinker, *a. e.*	1885	1908	Glendale, 403 Brand Blvd	Glendale, First	Wm. A. Anderson, *a. e.*
25	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Riverside, 636 15th St.	Riverside, Trinity	J. F. Reimer.
26	Herman R. Pontow	1909	1910	San Mateo.		
27	Martin L. Kunkelman, M. D., *a.*	1867	1910	Los Angeles, 3738 University.		
28	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Sacramento, 2005 Yale St.	Sacramento, First	L. N. Kinser, *a. e.*
29	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Salinas, 311 Lincoln Ave.	Salinas, Our Saviour's	Andrew Hansen.
30	Henry Wiemken	1901	1911	Los Molinos.		
31	George Philip Goll	1896	1912	Santa Barbara, 1230 Santa Barbara St.	Santa Barbara, Grace	Chas. E. Beiers, *a. e.*
32	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 65 N. Madison Ave.	Pasadena, Trinity	H. F. Fisher, *a. e.*
				Oakland, 684 16th St.	Oakland, First	J. A. Bohn.

Synodical Roll.—Concluded.

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34	John R. Braeuer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 2023 Sacramento St.	San Francisco, First	N. N. Fritz.
35	E. F. A. Hantel, *a. e.*	1875	1912	Halsey, Ore.		
36	William C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1891	1912	San Diego, R. R. No. 4, Box 161 P.		
37	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 847 E. Central Ave.	Redlands, First	Edwin Liming, *a. e.*
38	Herman H. Rippe	1888	1912	Fresno, Box 1242	Fresno, Wartburg	John Klemm.
39	Christian A. Walton	1897	1912	Alameda, Box 101	Alameda, Christ	Henry C. Hacke, *a. e.*
40	August Bahr[1]	1899	1913	Sanger	Sanger, St. Paul's	Jacob Rosenthal.
41	Silas W. Young[2]	1868	1913	San José, 450 N. 4th St.		
42	John K. Reed[3]	1890	1913	Phœnix, Ariz.	Phœnix, Lutheran.	
43	Waldemar Morenz-Oeser[4]	1884	1913	Los Molinos	Los Molinos, St. John's.	
44	Carl Legler[5]	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.	Fresno, St. Paul's	Alexander Wollert.
45	Gustaf A. Hiden[6]	1893	1913	San Francisco, 2854 25th St.	Swedish-Finnish Ass'n.	
46	Vacant	....	....	Seattle, Wash.	Seattle, Wash., St. Paul's	Wm. J. Halberstadt, *a. e.*

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.
Received from: [1] Ger. Neb.; [2] Neb.; [3] N. Ill.; [4] Pacific; [5] Cong. Ch.; [6] Swed. Meth. Ch.
* Name removed at his own request.
† Dismissed to Maryland Synod.
‡ Dismissed to Synod of South Carolina.
Privileges of the floor were extended to Revs. E. G. Lund, D. D., Seattle, and Emil Meyer, San José, and Mr. J. C. Frohliger, of Oakland.
The bar of Synod was made the first seven pews.

President's Report.

BELOVED IN THE LORD:

In the mercy of God we are permitted to assemble in this Twenty-third Convention of the California Synod. It is particularly our good fortune to have the privilege of holding our sessions in this magnificent church edifice, as the guests of an honored brother and his estimable people.

During the past year, all of our congregations have been supplied with the means of grace and our Synod has continued the steady and substantial progress which has characterized our work in the past. Complying with the requirement of the Constitution, I now present to you a report of my official acts, and of such affairs as have come under my supervision during the past year.

A. PASTORAL CHANGES.

MINISTERS RESIGNED.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., resigned as pastor of the First Lutheran Church, San Francisco, November 1st, 1912, to take up the duties of Synodical Missionary Superintendent.

March 3d, 1913, Rev. H. R. Pontow informed me that he had resigned as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sanger, March 1st, 1913.

On August 31st, 1913, the mission at Glendale became vacant by the retirement of Rev. M. F. Rinker.

August 10th, 1913, Rev. H. M. Leech handed in his resignation as pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Oakland, Cal., to take effect October 31st, 1913.

On October 1st, 1913, the mission at Seattle, Wash., became vacant by the retirement of Rev. John R. Braeuer, Ph. D.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

On October 3d, 1912, Rev. J. E. Hummon applied for and received a letter of dismission to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

MINISTERS RECEIVED.

April 12th, 1913, the Secretary of Synod informed me that Rev. August Bahr had sent him a Synodical transfer from the German Nebraska Synod. His name was accordingly entered upon our Synodical Roll.

By a letter of honorable dismission from the Nebraska Synod, Rev. Silas W. Young became a member of our Synod on May 12th, 1913.

On September 30th, 1913, I received a letter of dismission from the Northern Illinois Synod, transferring Rev. John K. Reed to the California Synod.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

November 7th, 1912, Rev. M. F. Rinker was installed pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.

November 24th, 1912, Rev. A. E. Isham was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Redlands by Rev. J. W. Romich, assisted by Rev. Wm. R. Swickard.

May 5th, 1913, Rev. August Bahr was installed pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sanger. The President of Synod and the Synodical Superintendent were assisted in the services by Rev. H. H. Rippe.

GALLS ACCEPTED.

October 9th, 1912, Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., notified me of his acceptance of the call to become Synodical Missionary Superintendent, to enter upon his duties November 1st, 1912.

March 1st, 1913, Rev. August Bahr entered upon his duties as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sanger.

October 1st, 1913, Rev. John R. Braeuer, Ph. D., became pastor of the First Lutheran Church, San Francisco.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

On the 1st of May, 1913, I received from Rev. Carl Legler, the newly elected pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fresno, a request for admission to membership in our Synod. His case is commended to the consideration of the Examination Committee.

On September 6th, 1913, Rev. Gustav A. Hiden, pastor of the Swedish-Finnish Lutheran Association, San Francisco, made application for membership in our California Synod. As the brother comes to us from another denomination, I wrote him that he should present himself and his credentials at this meeting of Synod. Rev. Hiden is present, and his case is referred to the Ministerium for examination and action.

October 3d, 1913, Rev. W. R. Morenz-Oeser, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church near Red Bluff, at present a member of the Pacific Synod, made inquiries regarding the steps necessary to become a member of our Synod. The brother is present to personally submit his request for membership in this body.

Under date of October 7th, 1913, Mr. Rudolph S. Dogge wrote me that he expected to be present at this meeting of Synod not only as a delegate from St. Luke's congregation, San Francisco, but also as a candidate for licensure. Owing to the conditions prevailing where he is employed, it will not be possible for him to reach Synod till Sunday. He will also be compelled to leave again on Monday. His case is referred to the Examination Committee.

B. Congregations.

CONGREGATIONS SEEKING ADMISSION.

Under date of May 1st, 1913, Rev. Carl Legler, of Fresno, Cal., wrote me that he had severed his relations with Kreutz Kirche, Fresno, and applied for membership in the California Synod. Inasmuch as a proper appreciation of the developments at Fresno will depend upon an accurate knowledge of the facts of the case, I deem it fitting at this time to present the essential items of interest.

Kreutz Kirche, Fresno, was organized in 1892 by the Congregational Denomination in the German Russian Colony. The name by which it was known was "The Evangelical Lutheran Kreutz Kirche of Fresno," connected with the Congregational Church. For the past ten years Pastor Legler has been in charge of this congregation. Up until recently Pastor Legler had been granted the full allegiance to his Lutheran faith, and the free exercise of those customs and usages, with which the German Lutheran people, amongst whom he was laboring, were familiar. Catechisation, with Luther's Smaller Catechism, was faithfully followed and the Lutheran hymn-book was used. Of late, however, Pastor Legler has felt that the Lutheran faith and usages have been endangered, and he felt himself impelled by conscientious reasons to sever his connection with the Congregational Church and to openly affirm his loyalty and allegiance to the Lutheran Church.

When Pastor Legler made known this determination, 263 of the members of Kreutz Kirche expressed their determination to stand with their esteemed spiritual leader, with the result that St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized upon the unqualified Lutheran Confessional position. Subsequently, Rev. Carl Legler was elected pastor of the congregation.

Steps were immediately taken to secure a place of worship. Four lots were purchased upon which to erect the new church. Architect's plans, specifying an auditorium 45 by 60 feet, were adopted. On July 20th the corner-stone was laid, Pastors Rippe and Bahr assisting in the ceremony. The new house of worship which, with lots, has a valuation of about $6,000.00, is ready for dedication. This thriving organization, which is less than six months old, seeks admission to our Synod.

Los Molinos.—From time to time divine services have been conducted among the German colonists in the vicinity of Los Molinos by different Lutheran pastors. On April 27th, 1913, the Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannis Congregation was organized with nine charter members.

On May 11th, 1913, a call was extended to Rev. Morenz-Oeser;

he accepted the call, and took charge on July 8th. Preaching services have been regularly held each Sunday in the "Los Robles" public school-house. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized, and Sunday school services also regularly held with an average attendance of 11 children.

Two lots in the town of Dairyville have been donated to the congregation by the Los Molinos Land Co., and the erection of a chapel and the consecration of a burial place are contemplated.

This congregation is the only religious organization in the 12,000 acres of the Los Molinos Land Co. It has adopted the Model Constitution of the General Synod, and makes application for membership in this Synod.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

On October 6th, 1912, this magnificent church edifice was set apart to the worship of God. The stately exterior proportions, the churchly interior arrangements, the artistic windows, the magnificent musical instrument, and, above all, the harmonious, aggressive congregation, speak loudly of the faithful labors of the pastor and membership of this church. The cost of the furnished building and the site approximates $100,000.00. Standing as it does, the finest Protestant church edifice in the Capitol City, and the most beautiful Lutheran house of worship in the West, its influence will radiate all over the Pacific Coast.

In the dedicatory services, the pastor was assisted by Dr. George W. Enders, President of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.; Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.; Rev. A. Jatho, Rev. H. C. Funk, and your President. We heartily congratulate Pastor Oehler and his people upon their noteworthy progress, and extend to them our sincerest wishes for continued success and usefulness.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Nearly all of our congregations report improvements to their church property. This is a healthful indication of vigorous spiritual life. In no congregation have the improvements been more extensive than in the English Lutheran Church of this city. On the 7th of September of this year, after extensive remodelling and enlargement, the church was rededicated with impressive services. Among the improvements were a new altar of chaste and beautiful design, art windows, new electric light system and electroliers in front of the church; in addition the auditorium was refrescoed.

At the special services, the pastor, Rev. H. C. Funk, was assisted by Rev. H. S. Feix and Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D. We rejoice with the pastor and people of the English Church upon their success.

DEBTS REDUCED.

Another healthful sign of progress has been the reduction of debts on our congregations: Alpaugh reports a reduction of $720.00, Alameda $438.00, Glendale $300.00, Long Beach $200.00, Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $333.00; Salinas $125.00, San Diego $1,315.00, San Francisco, St. Andrew's, $1,000.00; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, $2,040.00; Santa Barbara $75.00, Seattle $750.00, San José $500.00, Los Angeles, First, $400.00.

C. Miscellaneous.

Our Synodical Roll.—In accordance with the resolution of last Ministerium, a communication was sent to Rev. Lutz Horn, who is now in charge of a large Lutheran church in Krummenau, Obertoggenburg, Switzerland, suggesting an orderly dismission from our Synod. He has become a Swiss citizen, and is in clerical connection with a Lutheran body in Switzerland. He requests that his name be withdrawn from our Synodical Roll. It is to be regretted that the brother did not observe the custom of our Church in this country regarding the system of honorable dismission. It is sincerely to be hoped in the future that when a minister removes from the bounds of our Synod into that of another, he will not assume other Synodical responsibilities until he has been granted a letter of dismission.

Article VI., Section 7, provides that "ministers who demit the regular duties of the ministry, shall, within one year, ask Synod whether they may remain a member of Synod." Accordingly, the Secretary sent a marked copy of the Constitution to each of the ministers coming within this classification.

A limited number of replies has been received, and a time should be set apart for the consideration of the same.

Case of Rev. C. W. Weiser.—Pursuant to the action of Synod last year, demand was made upon C. W. Weiser, suspended from the ministry, for the return of his ordination papers.

Under date of December 6th, 1912, the papers were returned, and are now in the possession of the Secretary of Synod. Notice to this effect was subsequently published in the church papers.

Renewal of Ordination Certificate.—Under date of September 16th, 1913, Rev. H. Gehrcke wrote me desiring a duplicate of his Ordination Certificate. He stated that the original papers had been destroyed in the disaster in San Francisco in 1906.

California, 1915.—The opening of the Panama Canal marks an epoch-making event. The great International Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego are expected to fittingly mark this crowning event of American genius, skill and energy.

The eyes of the world are upon the Pacific Coast. To our State will come throngs of visitors. While the material interests are thrust into prominence, the Church has a glorious opportunity, as well as a sacred responsibility, in presenting at this time the interests of the kingdom of God. Already the Missionary Societies have organized under the name of the "Women's International Congress of Missions," and it is their purpose, by means of exhibits, special meetings and a world publicity campaign, to promote a world-wide interest in woman's work in Missions. Our Church has a duty to perform in the reception and entertainment of Lutheran guests, and in religious services for the thousands who will come to the Pacific Coast.

The Apportionment.—I desire to call attention to our constantly increasing apportionment. Fifteen years ago, when the California Synod met in this church, the *per capita* apportionment was $1.11. Last year it was $2.18, an increase of $1.06. If during the coming year the rate recommended by the General Synod be adopted, the apportionment will be $2.32 *per capita,* or an increase of $1.38. Already a number of missionary pastors are remonstrating against this increasing burden. Relief can be secured in three ways. First, by the practice of the most rigid economy in our Synodical expenses. Second, by securing the co-operation of the Missionary Society in printing the minutes. They occupy about 20 per cent. of the printed pages, why should they not also share in the cost? Third, some of our congregations should make a greater effort in paying their share in the expenses of Synod.

Division of Synod.—Our California Synod covers an immense territory. It extends from Phœnix, Arizona, to Seattle, Wash. When organized twenty-two years ago, it had eight clerical members. To-day it enrolls 43; 24 in the Northern Conference, and 14 in the Southern. The difficult task of administering so extensive a work, the great cost involved in traveling to and from our Synodical conventions, causes this question to arise,—Has not the time arrived for a division of our Synod into two bodies, the Northern California Synod and the Southern California Synod? While it would be a source of sincere regret to be separated from each other in the work of this great State, still, the question should receive our most earnest consideration.

Benevolent Contributions.—During the past year our California Synod was apportioned $5,525.00 for the various benevolent objects by the General Synod. The total contributions for general benevolence were $4,896.00 or 88 per cent. of the amount apportioned. The General Synod, as a whole, contributed 84 per cent.

Our Synod raised the entire amount for General Synod, and

had an excess for Foreign Missions and Church Extension. The deficit on Home Missions was $122.84. Together with the other five objects the total deficit amounted to $749.28.

Some of our congregations have the praiseworthy reputation of raising the apportionment every year, while some have the unenviable distinction of never reaching the mark.

During the past year the Board of Home Missions supported 21 missions in the California Synod at an aggregate cost of $12,670.00. This is the largest amount given to missionary operations to any Synod in the Church. We are pre-eminently a missionary Synod. Practically every congregation has at one time or another been the recipient of assistance from the Eastern Boards, and it is nothing but an expression of grateful appreciation that we, as a Synod, occupy a place on the honor roll of each fund. During the year I have kept the pastors informed by means of circular letters of the standing of our contributions. In doing this, the Treasurer has very carefully and promptly responded to my frequent requests for information. It is certainly to be hoped that during the coming year greater success will attend our efforts in reaching the mark that is set before us.

Relief Contributions.—In response to the request of the Bay Cities Ministers' Association, an appeal was made to the churches for contributions for the relief of the "Flood Sufferers." Although several of the congregations had responded to the general appeal issued by the Red Cross Society, still others liberally responded. The sum of $253.30 was sent to our Synodical Treasurer, and afterwards forwarded to the Board of Church Extension.

Lay Delegates to the General Synod.—Of the ten lay-delegates elected either as *Primarii* or *Secundi* to represent the California Synod at the biennial convention of the General Synod, only two were able to attend. This is not an infrequent experience, and it behooves us to exercise greater care in the selection of those who can with some reasonable degree of assurance attend these highly important gatherings.

And now, brethren of the California Synod, as we enter upon the consideration of the various issues that may come before us, let us do so frankly and lovingly. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. On this West Coast a great work is committed to our hands. The field is great, the foes are numerous. Not only do we need the kindly counsel and co-operation of each other, but we are particularly dependent upon the presence and power of the great Head of the Church. In all of our deliberations, let us look to Him for guidance and help. In conclusion, I desire to present for your consideration the following:

D. Recommendations.

1. That the request of Rev. Lutz Horn be granted.

2. That the officers of Synod be authorized to issue a duplicate ordination certificate to Rev. Herman Gehrcke.

3. That a committee of ten be appointed, five in the North, and five in the South, to make preparations for the reception and entertainment of the Lutherans who will visit the Expositions in 1915.

4. That the question of the division of Synod be referred to a committee of five, which shall report at the next convention of Synod.

5. That the matter relating to reasons given by ministers who have demitted the work of the ministry be referred to a committee for consideration and recommendation.

6. That the aim of every congregation for the coming year be "The Apportionment paid in full."

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

Report referred to proper committee.

Treasurer's report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Treasurer's Supplemental Report.

SYNODICAL TREASURY, MONEYS PAID OUT.

Rev. J. J. Chambers	$6.75
Janitor at Los Angeles	5.00
Treasurer's traveling expenses	5.00
Rev. Ball, President's expenses	13.27
Treasurer's book	1.65
Rev. Hillerman, Secretary's salary	25.00
H. D. Rummell, printing	4.50
Rev. Ball, programs	7.00
Publication Society, minutes	188.19
Rev. Hillerman, Synodical stationery	9.10
Treasurer's expenses	4.50
Total	$269.96

CALIFORNIA HOME MISSION FUND.

Rev. J. E. Hummon, salary	$92.13
Rev. W. E. Crouser, salary	687.50
Rev. Crouser, expenses	18.85
Rev. Flickinger	18.00
Rev. J. W. Ball	8.85
Total	$825.33

Respectfully submitted, P. S. LEISENRING,
Treasurer.

The hours of the sessions were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 NOON, and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

List of Committees.

President's Report—Revs. H. J. Weaver, H. M. Leech and H. H. Rippe.

Conference Reports—Revs. J. W. Romich, J. J. Chambers and A. Bahr.

Excuses—Revs. R. W. Mottern, S. W. Young and W. H. Derr.

Letters and Papers—Revs. D. J. Snyder, H. R. Pontow and Mr. H. C. Haacke.

Traveling Expenses—Revs. W. H. Derr, J. R. Braeuer and Mr. John Klemm.

Auditing—Messrs. J. F. Reimer, Jas. Popert and W. F. Fisher.

Sunday Schools—Revs. G. P. Goll, John K. Reed and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

Young People's Societies—Revs. W. R. Swickard, N. N. Harter and Dr. Leisenring.

Resolutions—Revs. J. W. Ball, H. S. Feix and C. A. Walton.

Applications of Congregations—Revs. O. H. Gruver, W. E. Crouser and Mr. N. N. Fritz.

Reporters for Church Papers—Revs. A. E. Isham, W. R. Swickard and A. Jatho.

Reporter for City Papers—Rev. H. C. Funk.

Devotional—Revs. C. F. Oehler and H. C. Funk.

Claims—Messrs. E. G. Olsen, Andrew Hansen and J. Rosenthal.

Berkeley Mission—Revs. H. J. Weaver, O. H. Gruver, J. W. Ball, H. Gehrcke and A. E. Isham.

Status of Ministers—Revs. H. J. Weaver, W. H. Derr and J. W. Romich.

Report of Archivist.

The archives of Synod are still in the First Church of San Francisco.

Nothing of unusual importance has been added during the year. The deed to the three lots in Alpaugh, upon which our church is built, has been in the archives of Synod for four years. As this congregation has complied with the requirements of Synod (see Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, page 25), the deed is herewith turned over to Trustees of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER.

Report of Committee on Correspondence to Church Papers.

Your committee would report that a plan for the gathering of news items was laid out at the beginning of the year, but was abandoned after a few months as not feasible. Items have been sent to the *Lutheran Church Work,* to the *Lutheran Observer,* and to the *Lutheran Woman's Work* every month except August.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the sending of news items to the church papers be continued.

2. That, instead of a committee, a separate reporter be appointed for each of these periodicals, and to the *Zionsbote.*

3. That every pastor respond to each request for notes, even if the response be no more than a card saying, "No items this month," in order that the correspondents may send in the notes while they are fresh.

Respectfully submitted, THE COMMITTEE.

The thanks of Synod were extended to the committee for their work during the year.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. N. N. Harter.

SECOND SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 1913, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President and prayer was offered by Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Statistical Secretary.

The Statistical Secretary has received parochial reports from every pastor and congregation of Synod. All of these reports required correcting and editing except four.

The newly organized St. Paul's congregation of Fresno and the

old St. Mark's congregation of San Francisco are given places in the Parochial Report. But in the Apportionment Table only one of these congregations figures.

It is worth noting that there is a substantial increase in nearly every item of the report. If the contributions to "External Objects" were counted out the report would show a decrease from last year of $614.00 contributed to the regular benevolence objects. But the report for last year covered a period of 17 months. However, the report shows an increase over last year of $246.00 in "Total Benevolence." The "Grand Total" is $72,878.00 less than last year's report. This is almost exactly the loss in contributions for "Unusual Local Expenses," compared with last year, and is sufficiently explained by reference to the beautiful and churchly edifice in which we are assembled, and which was erected and paid for last year.

The communicant membership shows an increase of 447, and this is obtained without counting the 402 communicants reported by St. Mark's congregation, San Francisco. The confirmed and baptized membership (including St. Mark's) has increased 958 and 1,832, respectively.

Attention ought to be directed to the rather large confirmed membership and the correspondingly small communicant membership reported by several congregations. Better proportions should be maintained.

We recommend the adoption of a per capita apportionment of $2.20 on the communicant membership of Synod for the year 1913-1914 to be divided among twelve benevolent objects as follows:

General Synod	$0.05
Synodical Treasury	.10
Home Missions	.37
Foreign Missions	.32
Church Extension	.26
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.10
Pastors' Fund	.10
Deaconess Board	.10
Home for the Aged	.05
Tabitha Home	.05
California Home Missions	.50
	$2.20

Your attention is called to the detailed reports herewith presented.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

(See Appendices B and C.)

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

The various reports reveal many encouraging features. They also reveal a number of weak places, which we should hasten to strengthen, if we desire great victories.

The reports show a total communicant membership of 3,180.

Deducting from this number, the number of members of the three congregations not as yet in the Synod, the total communicant membership is 2,570, or a gain of 255 over the report of last year.

Seventeen congregations report a gain, one remains the same as last year, and seven congregations report a loss. The difference between the communicant and confirmed membership in some cases is much too great.

In attendance at morning worship five congregations report 100 per cent. and over, four report 50 per cent. and less.

The average attendance at morning worship is 74 per cent.

Nine churches report no evening service. The average evening attendance is 60 per cent.

There may be some churches where the evening service is not advisable, but we cannot believe that there are nine such churches in our Synod.

In many places on Sunday evening the haunts of vice and places of pleasure are brilliantly illuminated and thronged with people.

How sad it is to see the church, the life and soul-saving station, dark and deserted.

Let the pastors light up and preach the Word, even if their congregations are no larger than the ones to which Jesus preached His two great sermons on the New Birth and the Water of Life.

The churches for the most part show a commendable activity in raising the apportionment.

In the report of 23 congregations, 6 report an excess, 8 report the apportionment fully raised, and 9 report a deficit.

Fifteen congregations have no mid-week prayer meetings, while 11 report such meetings. One pastor reports a Monday evening prayer meeting for men. If the prayer meeting is the pulse indicating the spiritual condition of the Church, what shall we say of the spiritual condition of 15 of our congregations?

Brethren, the Church of Christ was born in a prayer meeting, and it is also true that the Church thrives best in the atmosphere in which it was born.

The Sunday schools show an increased enrollment. The question as to the efficiency of teachers seemed to puzzle a good many. Here is the weak place in most of our schools.

There has been an increase in the number of members of the Young People's Societies.

There is one Luther Band, one Zugend Verein, four Luther Leagues, and nineteen Christian Endeavor Societies. Seven churches report no such societies.

The woman's work is almost invariably reported good. The attendance at the meetings and the amount of money raised for benevolence, indicate great activity.

The Brotherhoods are few in number and poor in activity. Only four congregations reported, and their activity as follows: fair, poor, asleep.

In every case the pastor's salary is paid promptly.

In the majority of cases the church expenses are met by the envelope system. A few congregations still resort to the semi-religious method of bazaars, suppers and entertainments.

Seven congregations reduced the Home Mission aid. Reading church papers is an art that has not been acquired by a number of the congregations.

Twenty pastors answered the question as to individual Bible Study.

From these answers we all need to put up the sign in our churches, "Wanted More Bible Readers."

The family altar seems to be largely neglected. Some reports are very good. One brother reports 50 per cent. of the families of his church having family worship. Let us try to honor more this ancient institution of the family altar. The greatest weakness is revealed by the answers as to activity in reaching the unsaved. Several pastors report special services and personal work. In other congregations but little is attempted in this line.

Oh, for greater activity in reaching the unsaved! for that is the one great mission of the Church. Jesus Christ said, "Go ye," and we find where the pastor obeys this command, there are others who catch the fever of his activity. Brethren, it is a hand-to-hand battle.

The pastors find many hindrances to a deeper spiritual life.

Indifference, pleasure, greed of gain, love of ease, fault-finding, lack of surrender, selfishness, Sunday picnics, lodges, clubs, dances, baseball, moving pictures and many others until the heart grows sick. Surely the hindrances are great and the discouragements many. But let us not look at these discouragements over long, lest we be unfit for the battle. Oh! brethren, "faith is the victory,"

God is with us. The work of the Church has always been against the tide. There must ever be the climbing of Mt. Calvary.

Let us not faint or grow weary, but be strong in the Lord; let us march on and conquer the land for Christ.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. ROMICH,
GEORGE PHILIP GOLL,
N. N. HARTER.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegation to the Forty-sixth Convention of the General Synod presents the following report:

The Convention was held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas, May 14th to 21st, 1913. Delegates to the number of two hundred and fifty-one, from twenty-four District Synods, deliberated for eight days on matters of intensest interest and of greatest importance to the welfare of the Church. Dr. H. L. Yarger, Western Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was elected President on the first ballot. By his businesslike bearing and impartial rulings, the affairs of Synod were transacted in an expeditious manner, and he proved himself a veritable "master of assemblies."

One new Synod, the West Virginia, was admitted. The aggregate membership of General Synod is now 317,073, an increase of 15,346 over the preceding biennium.

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported that a larger amount had been received than during any preceding biennium; namely, $214,979.00. A force of 37 missionaries is laboring in India, and 18 in Africa. Among the encouraging features of the work have been the co-operation of the different Lutheran bodies in the work of education in India, the addition of 1,567 communicants to the Church; also the expansion of both field and force in Africa. In the homeland, nine congregations have assumed the support of nine personal representatives abroad.

The Board of Home Missions supported 237 missionaries, an increase of 33. Of these 22 are located in the California Synod.

Assets to the amount of $804,573.33 were reported by the Board of Church Extension. During the biennium, 33 congregations were aided with loans, and 361 with donations.

The Deaconess Board reduced the indebtedness on their magnificent Motherhouse $12,000.00.

An increase of $29,000.00 in business was made by the Board of Publication, while the circulation of periodicals increased from

five to seven million copies annually. Branch offices have been established in Chicago and New York.

The practical results of the work of the Board of Education were apparent in the commanding location, and wide-reaching influence of Midland College. At one session, Dr. Peery presented the interests of the college, and requested assistance in paying an indebtedness of $6,000.00. Subscriptions for the entire amount were enthusiastically given. The members of our California Delegation made personal subscriptions to the amount of $125.00. The proposed change in the conduct of a system of Beneficiary Education failed to receive the approval of the requisite number of District Synods, but the Board was authorized to so change its Constitution, as to enable it to administer the work of beneficiary education in the General Synod.

THE APPORTIONMENT.

The amount levied upon the District Synods for the biennium amounted to $624,958.00. Of this 84 per cent. was paid. Our California Synod was apportioned $5,585.00 and it raised $4,896.00, or 88.6 per cent. This is nearly 5 per cent. more than the church at large contributed. For the coming biennium, the apportionment will be $1.50 per capita. This is an increase of fourteen cents over the preceding biennium.

CALIFORNIA, 1915.

In accordance with the instructions of last Synod, your delegation presented an invitation to General Synod to hold its Forty-seventh Convention in Los Angeles in 1915. An aggressive campaign was waged. California literature, orange blossoms, oranges and buttons were distributed freely. California stereopticon pictures were exhibited and a hearty invitation was extended. While a large number of the delegates favored Los Angeles as the next meeting place, it was deemed inexpedient to hold the next meeting on the Coast, on account of the fact that considerable indebtedness had been incurred in meeting as far west as Atchison. The campaign, however, brought our Synodical interests into considerable prominence, and your delegation was assured that sometime the General Synod will come to California.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The two amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod, which were submitted to the district Synods for consideration and action, were reported to have received the requisite number of votes, and they were declared adopted.

The one related to the change in the basis of representation to

the biennial convention, and provides that hereafter "each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number."

The second amendment contained the restatement of the doctrinal basis of the General Synod.

DIVISION OF TERRITORY.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations and Practical Co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies reported that the Joint Committee had agreed to a division of territory for Home Mission effort between the General Synod and the General Council. But it was finally resolved that "The General Synod respectfully and fraternally ask that the division of territory be so changed that no fixed boundary lines shall be insisted upon by Synod or Council." The result of this action will open up the entire field to all Lutheran bodies, and where overlapping occurs, the difficulty is to be settled by the Home Mission Boards.

OFFICIAL CHURCH PAPER.

The Committee on Church Paper gave a detailed account of the early inception, past growth, and present condition of the *Lutheran Church Work*. The General Synod authorized the reception of the *Lutheran Church Work*, and appointed a Church Paper Publishing Committee of seven to be advisory to the Editor-in-chief, and in any contingency to have general charge. The one-dollar subscription price was recommended, and the pastors, Boards and institutions of the church were urged to give the enterprise all assistance possible.

THE FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

A committee of fifteen were appointed to co-operate with similar committees of the general Lutheran bodies for the proper celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, October 28th to 31st, 1917.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The Harvard plan of entertainment was followed for the first time at this convention. The local congregation furnished lodging and breakfast, while the other meals were secured by the delegates at their pleasure. According to resolution of our Synod, the expense thus incurred is to be allowed from our Synodical Treasury.

Finally, your delegation desires to place on record its great pleasure in representing this Synod at the General Convention. During the sessions many weighty questions were discussed; amongst

these were the discontinuance of the South America work, the adoption of the official paper, the change of members on the various Boards, etc. At times the enthusiasm rose high, as when Dr. Heckert conducted the raising of subscriptions for Midland's indebtedness. Throughout, an excellent spirit prevailed. Although men differed on plans and policies, partisanship and personalities were eliminated. The all-absorbing question was how shall the great interests of the Church be advanced? The presence of the fraternal delegates from the General Council and the United Synod of the South brought forth the exchange of very cordial greetings. Throughout the convention every suggestion or movement that looked to the unification of our Lutheran forces in this country was favorably received. The day of Lutheran unity was undoubtedly hastened.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In conclusion your committee present the following recommendations:

1. That the apportionment suggested by the General Synod be adopted.

2. That the pastors of the California Synod give the *Lutheran Church Work* their hearty support.

3. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the delegation the sum of $32.00 for expenses incurred at Atchison.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
for the Delegation.

Rev. H. Gehrcke was given charge of raising a fund to enable Rev. H. Pontow and his family to move to Nebraska, where he has the opportunity of securing a charge.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. W. Romich.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Members of the Synod addressed the Sunday schools of the two Lutheran churches, and Revs. H. Gehrcke and J. E. Hoick preached in the German Lutheran Church at 10.30 A. M., and Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., preached at 11 A. M. in the First Lutheran Church.

The evening service was held in the German Lutheran Church, as an anniversary service of the Woman's Home

and Foreign Missionary Society, with an address by Rev. George Philip Goll.

THIRD SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1913, 9 A. M.

Synod opened with the half-hour devotional service conducted by Rev. J. W. Romich. The study was, "The True Universalism," I Timothy 2.

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Your committee, which is charged with the oversight of the Missions, has given itself assiduously to the care of the congregations. In this it has been greatly aided by the labors of the Synodical Superintendent. During the year nine meetings have been held. Personal visits have also been made by members of the committee to a number of the churches. That Synod may know the standing of each mission congregation, the following detailed statement is presented:

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

Our California Synod was the first to avail itself of the offer of the Home Mission Board of a Missionary Superintendent. A Traveling Secretary has long been the desire of our Synod, and during the past year the practical efficiency of the new office has been demonstrated on a number of occasions. The support of the new work has been both loyal and liberal on the part of the pastors. After consultation with Dr. Crouser, your committee present the appended resolution for the guidance of the work in the future. Dr. Crouser will make a full report of his labors during the year at the proper time.

OUR MISSIONS.

Alpaugh.—This congregation has made commendable progress during the year. The last payment amounting to $720.00 was made on the interest-bearing debt. The apportionment was raised in full, with an excess of $5.00. The Home Mission appropriation was reduced $100.00. There has been an increase of 22 members to the Church, and all services are well attended. The church property has also been improved by the installation of a new furnace. It is a source of sincere regret that Rev. J. J. Chambers, who has

served this congregation with fidelity and ability, expects to retire for a time from the active ministry.

Alameda.—Reports a communicant membership of 62, with an average of 12 in the morning and 18 in the evening. The sum of $26.00 was contributed for benevolence, and $1,126.00 for all purposes. The church property has been improved by the introduction of electric lights. Four hundred and thirty-eight dollars was paid on the indebtedness. Brother Walton reports the prospects of building up the church as "good," as many newcomers are settling in the neighborhood.

Fresno.—The Wartburg congregation is in a thriving condition. Large audiences, 250 in the morning and 300 in the evening, characterize the services of the church. The present membership is 378, an increase of 218. The sum of $189.00 was contributed for benevolence. During the year the appropriation of the Board of Home Missions was decreased $200.00, and the church property was improved by the addition of 100 folding chairs, the introduction of electric lights and other conveniences. Pastor Rippe rendered great assistance to St. Paul's congregation in its organization and in the erection of its church edifice.

Glendale.—This congregation was organized July 7th, 1912, with 26 charter members, and has continued under the pastoral care of Rev. M. F. Rinker. The Sunday services have had an average attendance of 14 in the morning and 8 in the evening. The Sunday school attendance has averaged 21, and the prayer meeting 9.

On account of a nervous breakdown, Brother Rinker requested to be relieved of the increasing demands of the congregation, and upon the expiration of his commission, August 31st, he retired from the work.

During the year a church lot was purchased for $1,150.00. Pledges amounting to $500.00 have been made, and $300.00 has been paid on the lot. Application was made of the Home Mission Committee for assistance in paying for the lot; but partially on account of a depleted treasury, and partially because your committee was not fully assured that it had the authority to grant the donation, no appropriation was made. However, the congregation was assured that its request would be commended to the favorable consideration of Synod.

Long Beach.—Reports a communicant membership of 70, an increase of 4. The apportionment was raised in full with an excess of $1.00. There has been a good attendance at Sunday and midweek services. The church property has been improved by the addition of organ, chairs, black-board, maps and screens for the Sunday school; also a hymn-board, the gift of two members. The

sum of $200.00 is on hand to be applied on the church debt. Pastor Snyder has been doing a very commendable work.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's.—Under the pastoral care of Dr. Ball has made good progress. Eighty members are reported, an increase of 10. The services are well attended. The contributions for benevolence amounted to $219.00, and for all objects $1,737.00. The indebtedness has been reduced $333.00. The pastor's salary has been increased $275.00. A piano was purchased for the Sunday school. Among the encouragements are "growing membership, attendance and interest."

Oakland.—Reports 64 members, a decrease of 2. The average attendance at morning worship has been 55, evening services 33, Sunday school 74. The apportionment has been raised with an excess of $14.50. A Luther League was organized with a membership of 39. The auditorium was recarpeted, retinted and improved by the Woman's Guild at a cost of $580.00. Although there have been discouragements, Pastor Leech reports among the encouragements, "the activity of the young people, and a healthy state of finances." This church will be without a pastor after October 31st on account of the resignation of Brother Leech.

Pasadena.—Rev. W. H. Derr, pastor, reports a communicant membership of 82, an increase of 2. The services are well attended. There is a healthful activity among the young people with 25 members in the Christian Endeavor Society. The congregation contributed $147.00 for benevolence, being a deficit of $27.00 on the apportionment. Among the improvements were a basement under the church, and the installation of a new furnace. The sum of $200.00 was paid on street improvements. The discouraging feature of the work is "the lack of loyalty on the part of Lutherans coming to the city." The encouragements are "harmony and activity of the church members."

Redlands.—The church work here, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. E. Isham, is in a healthful condition. The attendance at Sunday services, Sunday school, prayer meeting and woman's meetings is excellent. The communicant membership is 54, an increase of 9. The sum of $173.00 was contributed for benevolence. The total contributions amounted to $1,204.00. Among the encouragements are "a faithful few and lessening strife."

Riverside.—Steady progress is being made in the work of this church. A reduction of $50.00 was made in the amount received from the Board of Home Missions. The apportionment was raised in full, and the total contributions aggregated $1,381.00. This congregation has a Sunday school with an average attendance of 63, which contributed $225.00 during the year. Rev. R. W. Mottern is

the faithful pastor. Among the encouragements are "very active young people" and "splendid financial condition."

Salinas.—Our church at this place is confronted with a limited field, as the Protestant population is being displaced by immigrants from Catholic countries. Amid these difficult conditions, Pastor Harter has done faithful work. The church property has been improved by the addition of a fine altar and furnishings; also hymn-board. The indebtedness on the church has been reduced $125.00. There have been 9 accessions, making the communicant membership 39, which is a decrease of 5 since last report. Amid the many discouragements which confront this work, there is need of much patience and prayer.

San Bernardino.—Is one of our most prosperous mission points. which is rapidly outstripping some of our older churches. A net increase of 17 members is reported, making the communicant membership 102, with an average attendance of 75 at the morning worship and 65 in the evening. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 150, with an average attendance of 82. The apportionment has been raised in full, $100.00 has been added to the pastor's salary by the congregation. The contributions of the Sunday school amounted to $214.30. The interior of the church has been retinted and the choir platform enlarged. Considering the age of the congregation and the amount of money invested, this church presents the banner report of the year.

San Diego.—Presents a splendid report. During the year the Church Extension loan was returned and a net increase of 8 was made to the church membership, which is now 130.

On September 1st, 1913, this congregation became self-supporting. The struggle for independent church life has been a gradual and steady one. We heartily congratulate Pastor Hillerman and his people upon the successful achievement, and extend to them our sincerest wishes for continued prosperity and usefulness.

San Francisco, St. Andrew's.—Pastor Jatho has been doing a faithful work amid some very obstinate difficulties. The character of the population in the North Beach section in which this church is located has been undergoing a gradual change. The large German population formerly living in this district has scattered since the disaster, and the Italians are filling their places. Notwithstanding, considerable progress has been made. The membership is now 70, an increase of 6. The sum of $210.00 has been contributed for benevolence, and $1,000.00 has been paid on the church debt. A thriving Ladies' Aid Society, with 70 members, has been doing an excellent work, as well as a Missionary Society, with a membership of 53.

San Francisco, St. Luke's.—This mission passed through the trying ordeal of being without a regular pastor for one-half of the year. During the six months that Pastor Swickard has had charge, he has put forth untiring efforts to place the work upon a firm foundation. Twenty communicant members are reported, with $68.00 paid on the apportionment and $413.00 paid on all objects. A growing Sunday school, with an enrollment of 90, and an average attendance of 57, is one of the promising features of the work.

San Francisco, St. Matthew's.—Pastor Gehrcke is to be congratulated upon the splendid progress of the past year. The indebtedness upon their magnificent church property has been decreased $2,040.00, the sum of $249.00 has been paid on benevolence and $4,959.00 for all objects.

The communicant membership is 114, an increase of 10. A Sunday school with an enrollment of 112, an active Missionary Society, 36, and a thriving Ladies' Aid Society, with a membership of 92, have greatly helped in the advancement of the work. The exterior of the church has been repainted, and the amount received from the Board of Home Missions reduced $80.00. Altogether, the work is in a very commendable condition.

Sanger.—Our church at this place has had a hard experience during the year. On account of some misunderstanding in regard to the building of the parsonage, a large number became dissatisfied and withdrew. Pastor H. R. Pontow resigned and was succeeded by Rev. August Bahr. He has been ably assisted in the payment of the troublesome incumbrance on the parsonage by the Synodical Superintendent. The present membership is 96. The sum of $99.00 has been paid on benevolence. One hundred dollars has been added to the pastor's salary by the Board of Home Missions. Peace and harmony prevail and the future of the work seems assured.

San José.—Rev. J. E. Hoick, pastor. The final payment of $500.00 remaining on the church property since the time of dedication was paid. The apportionment was raised in full. The total benevolent contributions amounted to $301.00. The Home Mission appropriation was reduced $25.00. The total contributions for all purposes aggregated $1,817.00. The present membership is 82. Among the items of interest are a growing Sunday school, the improvement of the church property by the installation of electric lights, and a completely furnished kitchen.

Santa Barbara.—Pastor Goll has been giving this mission some very effective service. The present communicant membership is 48, an increase of 7. The apportionment has been raised in full with an excess of $2.50. The church debt was reduced $475.00, while the property was improved with new drainage and new

kitchen conveniences. Among the encouragements are "earnestness, faith, liberality and loyalty of a few."

Seattle, Wash.—The Board of Home Missions, desirous of entering the rapidly developing Northwest, inaugurated work in Seattle two years and nine months ago. Rev. John R. Braeuer was placed in charge, and with fidelity and ability he has prosecuted the work.

The field is exceedingly difficult. In addition to the religious indifference which prevails in all coast cities, Seattle has a very scattered population. Services have been held in the Masonic Hall, with an average attendance of 30 at the morning services and 48 in the Sunday school. A church lot has been purchased on the corner of Freemont Avenue and West Forty-third Street for $3,000.00, on which a payment of $750.00 has already been made. Dr. Braeuer, who has successfully led the work thus far, resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco.

OTHER MISSION POINTS.

Phœnix, Arizona.—This field was first brought to our attention three and a half years ago by Mr. DeWitt Wise, of Los Angeles. At that time a request was forwarded to the California Synod, signed by 36 people who desired a General Synod Lutheran Church This request was immediately laid before Synod, and was forwarded to the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee, but no immediate action was taken.

Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Synod organized a mission congregation in Phœnix, and has conducted services in the W. C. T. U. Building in the business part of the city. Their voting membership, which includes only the men, numbers about 22. The attendance at services runs from 30 to 60.

Last year Dr. Ball visited Phœnix and spent two weeks looking over the field. He found about one-half of the Lutheran population not being cared for on account of the attitude of the Wisconsin Synod towards members of secret societies; these were advised to make application to the Board of Home Missions. However, it was the opinion of Dr. Ball, that had we entered the field at first, we would have a promising congregation now. He feared that nothing further could be undertaken for years to come.

Under the direction of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. J. K. Reed began work on the 1st of June. A Seventh Day Adventist Church was secured for services. The attendance, 19 in the morning and 24 in the evening, has not been large, partially on account of the absence of many of the people from the city during the heated summer months.

Brother Reed is now a member of the California Synod, and is present at this convention. He can give the latest information regarding the developments of the work.

Berkeley.—Among the first efforts of your committee was to enlist the interest and support of the Home Mission Board and the Executive Committee in the inauguration of work in Berkeley. It was stated that this field was one of the most rapidly developing in the State, that the location of the State University, with its thousands of students, the presence of a number of Lutherans in the community, and the possible location of the contemplated Lutheran Educational Institution in this vicinity, made it imperative that Lutheran Mission work be inaugurated at this point.

Our appeal met with a favorable response, and the sum of $1,200.00 was appropriated towards the salary of the missionary for the first year. The work was placed in the hands of the Synodical Superintendent, who has done considerable canvassing in the field, but as yet no organization has been effected. One service, however, has been held under encouraging circumstances.

On September 29th the field was entered by the organization of a Lutheran congregation to be in connection with the General Council.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Upon the request of the Southern members of the committee, the sum of $18.00 was granted in February to Rev. Flickinger for the canvass of Boyle Heights, Los Angeles. Several weeks were devoted to this work, with the result that a number of Lutheran families were located. This field has the endorsement of the southern brethren as one of the most promising missionary openings in the southern part of the State.

In March, 1913, upon request of the Alameda congregation, the remaining payment of $100.00 granted by Synod was ordered paid.

In April, 1913, your committee, believing that a special edition of the *Lutheran Church Work* would enhance the interests of our Missions, heartily co-operated in the promotion of this special edition.

SUMMARY.

The 21 mission congregations report:

Catechumens, 175, an increase of 6.

Communicant members, 1,856, in increase of 479.

Confirmed members, 2,394, an increase of 395.

Baptized members, 4,057, an increase of 974.

Church property valued at $253,700.00, an increase of $8,350.00.

Indebtedness of $36,057.00, an increase of $1,695.00.

Contributions for regular expenses, $19,178.00.
Unusual local expenses, $10,141.00.
Benevolent contributions, $3,938.00.
Total contributions, $38,699.00.

New Fields.—We believe that our State is on the eve of unexampled numerical growth and of material advancement. It is therefore highly important that increased effort shall be exerted in the enlargement of our work by entering rapidly developing places. After Berkeley and Phœnix, Boyle Heights should receive the favorable consideration of the committee.

Your committee also strongly urge the favorable consideration of the following places: Bay View, San Francisco; San Diego; Oak Park, Sacramento; Stockton, Richmond, Live Oak, Visalia, Porterville and Eureka. All of these places present hopeful openings.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the sum of $150.00 be granted the First Lutheran Congregation of Glendale from the Church Extension Fund, to be applied on the purchase of their church lot.

2. That the Advisory Home Mission Committee of the Synod be instructed to negotiate with the Home Mission Board a better working basis than that which now exists in the administration of our Home Mission work, and that this committee have full authority to act for the Synod in this connection.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
for the Committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Chambers.

FOURTH SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., MONDAY, OCT. 13, 1913, 2 P. M.

Synod called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. Emil Meyer. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

A Doctrinal Paper on Article XV, Augsburg Confession, "Church Ordinances," was read by Rev. A. Jatho, and discussed by members of Synod.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention be respectfully asked to assist in the payment of

the minutes of Synod, beginning with those of the Los Angeles Convention of 1912, if this meets with their pleasure.

Mr. J. A. Bohn reported verbally for the Lutheran Brotherhood Committee and distributed copies of the new manual to members of Synod.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry.

Your Committee on Examinations had the following cases to consider:

1. The application of Brother R. H. Dogge for licensure. Your committee, instead of recommending licensure, encouraged the brother to continue his theological studies under the tutelage of the Bay City pastors and in due time present himself to Synod for examination.

2. We have the application of the Rev. Carl Legler, of Fresno, for admission into the California Synod. This application comes under Article VI, Section 3, of our Constitution, and we recommend him for examination before the Ministerium.

3. The application of Rev. Gustaf A. Hiden, of San Francisco, for admission into Synod. His application comes under Article VI, Section 3, of our Constitution, and we recommend him for examination before the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. OEHLER,
H. S. FEIX,
D. J. SNYDER.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

THIRD EVENING SERVICE.

SACRAMENTO, MONDAY, OCT. 13, 1913, 7.45 P. M.

The evening services were held in the First English Lutheran Church, the address of the evening being given by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D., Missionary Superintendent, on "Unappropriated Possessions." President J. E. Hoick and the pastor *loci*, Rev. H. C. Funk, conducted the liturgical service.

FIFTH SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, TUESDAY, OCT. 14, 1913, 9 A. M.

The half-hour's devotional service was conducted by Rev. Romich from I Timothy 4, on "The Doctrines of Demons."

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

A Sunday School Institute was conducted by Rev. C. R. Fisher, Secretary of the State Sunday School Association, on "The Graded Sunday School," and was discussed by the members.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Fisher.

Rev. Mr. Bristol, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the members for five minutes.

Report of Directors of California Educational Institution.

Inasmuch as nothing of a practical character presented itself to your Board during the year, no meeting of the Directors was called.

We still feel the need of an educational institution in this State, under our immediate control, and are hopeful that some practical program may yet be found.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
President.
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Secretary.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee has extended aid to one student for the ministry, Brother Fred C. Maurer, who has made satisfactory progress in his studies at Midland College, Atchinson, Kans. Our student spent the summer vacation as a supply for the Lutheran Church at Garnett, Kans. This practical work has greatly impressed him with the importance of a thorough preparation for the high calling of the ministry. He is taking a special course in the college, together with his seminary work.

Brother Maurer was promised $150.00 to aid him during the past year. We regret, however, that $51.45 are still due him, the Treasurer not having sufficient funds to meet our obligation.

At the last meeting of the General Synod, Article II, of the Constitution of the Board of Education, was amended, defining

the object of its work by the addition of these words: "and to administer the work of Ministerial Education in the General Synod."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Brother Maurer asks for $150.00 during this collegiate year. The committee recommend that the Treasurer of the Synod be instructed to remit the balance due our student for last year, and in addition thereto that $150.00 be allowed for this year.

2. Brother Charles Schreiner, another candidate for the ministry, will attend the Martin Luther Seminary at Lincoln, Nebraska. This brother asks for the possible assistance to the extent of providing books for his studies in the seminary. We recommend that the committee be instructed to give such aid, if it is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. FUNK,
W. H. DERR,
A. JATHO.

Rev. George Philip Goll invited Synod to hold its Twenty-fourth Annual Convention in Grace Church, Santa Barbara. Accepted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, greatly rejoice with the German Lutheran Congregation of Sacramento and its good pastor, Rev. C. F. Oehler, whose guests we are, in the successful erection of this splendid house of worship, and in the measure of prosperity which is theirs; that we are deeply grateful for the rare hospitality we have received, for faithful services rendered by the choirs of the church; and that this resolution be presented by our President at the last evening session of the Synod.

Resolved, That we rejoice no less in the beautification of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, and in the success that has attended the untiring labors of its faithful pastor, Rev. H. C. Funk, and that we commend this congregation to our mission churches as an example of what may be accomplished in the direction of self-help by diligent and earnest effort.

Resolved, That we commend to our churches the observance of Publication or Literature Sunday on the Sunday nearest Reformation Day as provided for by the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of Synod be allowed the sum of $25.00, and the janitor of this church, the sum of $10.00 for services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE W. BALL,
for the Committee.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to Pacific Synod.

Your delegate to the Pacific Synod of the Lutheran Church of the General Council attended their Thirteenth Annual Convention, which was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Wash., June 25th to 29th, 1913.

The reception was the most cordial, the spirit of fellowship sweet, and the expressions of brotherly love the most earnest.

This Synod has a clerical membership of 20; a communicant membership of nearly 1,600, and a baptized membership of nearly 3,500. The total contributions for all purposes were over $22,000.00, of which $2,389.00 was for benevolence. The Pacific Synod is very aggressive in its policy, business-like in its efforts, and devotional in its attitude. It was a source of great pleasure and inspiration to sit with them for a few days and hear their animated discussions of delicate and important matters. The Rev. Conrad Wilker, of Medford, Ore., was elected as fraternal delegate to our convention, and Rev. Emil Meyer, of San José, the alternate. The latter is present with the greetings of his Synod.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
Delegate.

Rev. Emil Meyer, fraternal delegate from Pacific Synod, brought the greetings of his Synod. Fitting response was made by President Hoick.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

SIXTH SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, TUESDAY, OCT. 14, 1913, 5 P. M.

Synod called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother J. A. Bohn. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Berkeley Mission.

Your committee appointed to consider the Berkeley situation hereby report the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved,* That we ask the congregation of St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Berkeley, through our Advisory Home Mission Committee, to make application for admission into the California Synod.

2. *Resolved,* That we request the Home Mission Board of the

General Synod to commission Rev. Harvey M. Leech as missionary in Berkeley, California.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
JESSE W. BALL,
HERMAN GEHRCKE.

A telegram of greeting was sent Rev. George W. Enders, D. D., York, Pa.

Adjourned, with prayer by Bro. J. C. Frohliger.

FOURTH EVENING SERVICE.

SACRAMENTO, TUESDAY, OCT. 14, 1913, 7.45 P. M.

Services were held in the German Lutheran Church. Addresses as follows: "The Church Council and the Church," Rev. O. H. Gruver; "The Men and the Church," Rev. R. W. Mottern; "The Women and the Church," Rev. J. J. Chambers; "The Sunday School Teacher and the Church," Rev. W. H. Derr.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, TUESDAY, OCT. 14, 1913, 10 P. M.

Synod called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother N. N. Fritz.

Report of Ministerium. (See Ministerium, page 50.)

Report of Committee on Application of Congregations.

Your Committee on Application of Congregations for membership into this Synod begs leave to present the following report:

Two newly organized congregations within the bounds of our Synod have made application for membership, viz., St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fresno, and the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Los Molinos.

These congregations have adopted constitutions in accord with our Synod and the General Synod; and there is nothing known to your committee that would militate against their reception.

The pastors of these churches are members of this Synod.

We, therefore, recommend the reception of these congregations to membership in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
N. N. FRITZ.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee reports that there have been received communications of greeting and good wishes from representatives of the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Education, Pastors' Fund Society, Treasurer of the General Synod and Editor of *Lutheran Church Work.*

1. We recommend that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to respond suitably to each of these communications, conveying our good wishes, our appreciation for literature from each, and to communicate all information relative to any special action taken by our body pertaining to each board.

2. A communication from the Mary and Martha Circle of Redlands has been received, stating that $125.00 is on hand for the Home. We recommend that the money be received and held in reserve until such time as Synod may deem wise to proceed with the matter, and that the Mary and Martha Circle be commended for its zeal in the work.

3. A communication from the Treasurer of the General Synod states that the treasury is depleted and the Treasurer compelled to borrow money. We recommend that every pastor earnestly endeavor to raise the full apportionment and remit the Synodical Treasury dues as early as possible.

4. A communication from the Editor of *Lutheran Church Work* urges the observance of Literature Day and the securing of 500 subscribers during the coming year. We recommend that a united effort be put forth to secure the largest possible number of subscribers.

5. The Board of Foreign Missions, in co-operation with the United Missionary Campaign Movement of New York City, and in accord with the resolution passed at Atchison, desires to have the every-member canvass in March, 1914. We recommend that the matter be referred to the Brotherhood Committee to have the work in charge.

6. There has come into the hands of your committee, through the Rev. G. A. Hiden, an inquiry from the Swedish-Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Association of San Francisco, concerning the possibility of affiliating in some way with this Synod. The inquiry is

accompanied by the Constitution of the Association, and its articles of incorporation. We recommend that these papers be placed in the hands of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod with full authority to act for the Synod.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER,
H. R. PONTOW.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod respectfully reports as follows:

We find on page 23, subject, "Increase of Salaries." There are other missions which should also take the necessary steps to increase the salaries of faithful, hardworking pastors, without waiting for vacancies in their pastorates to occur. Has this been done? Eleven said "no"; five, "yes."

Then on page 28 the committee finds the following: That each pastor preach as heretofore during the Synodical year at least one sermon on the "Call to the Ministry." Has this been done? Majority answered "no."

On page 37 the committee finds under Report of Executive Committee: "It was further decided that the second Sunday in June be set apart as Synodical Missionary Day." Has this been done? Answer, "yes."

Respectfully submitted, C. A. WALTON,
H. R. PONTOW,
H. H. RIPPE.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. C. Funk.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15, 1913, 9 A. M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Romich, on "The Christian Gladiator," I Timothy 6.

Roll-call. Minutes of last two sessions read and approved.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee notes with pleasure the steady and substantial progress made by our Synod during the past year under the able and consecrated leadership of our worthy President.

We recommend the adoption of all the President's recommendations appended to his report.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
HARVEY M. LEECH,
HERMANN H. RIPPE.

Report of Missionary Superintendent.

With gratitude to Almighty God, and heartiest appreciation of your co-operation, I submit to you this, my first annual report. In the consideration of this report it will be well to remember that we have been engaged in pioneer work, having neither history nor experience to aid us in our undertaking. The newness of the work and the extensive character of the field have both hindered, in a measure, the successful execution of our plans, nevertheless, the results of the first year's efforts demonstrate the wisdom of the creation of the office.

Inasmuch as the Advisory Committee has included in its report a detailed account of the individual missions within our bounds, it is left to me to report upon the more general features of our work.

During the year 21 missions have received aid from the Board. They are given in the chronological order in which they were received upon the funds of the Board, together with the present appropriation:

First English, San Diego, 1888	$200.00
First English, Oakland, 1890	900.00
Grace, San José, 1892	550.00
Christ, Alameda, 1893	360.00
Trinity, Riverside, 1893	350.00
First English, Redlands, 1901	600.00
Grace, Santa Barbara, 1902	700.00
St. Andrew's, San Francisco, 1903	300.00
Wartburg, Fresno, 1904	400.00
St. Mark's, Los Angeles, 1904	750.00
Trinity, Pasadena, 1906	550.00
Our Saviour, Salinas, 1906	400.00
St. Matthew's, San Francisco, 1906	420.00
Trinity, Long Beach, 1907	600.00
First English, San Bernardino, 1907	500.00

First, Alpaugh, 1908	$400.00
St. Paul's, Sanger, 1908	400.00
St. Paul's, Seattle, 1911	1,500.00
First English, Glendale, 1912	300.00
St. Luke's, San Francisco, 1913	900.00
St. Paul's, Fresno, 1913	400.00

On the 1st of September, 1913, the First English Lutheran Church of San Diego voluntarily assumed self-support after the cancellation of all its mortgaged indebtedness. It is hoped that the example of this congregation will be a stimulus to the other missions that have been so long a time on the funds of the Board.

Your Superintendent has been able to visit all the missions during the year with the exception of three. In several cases it was necessary to visit the same mission more than once. In the prosecution of my duties I have traveled 17,340 miles by rail and trolley, and delivered 88 sermons and addresses.

Eleven monthly reports have been submitted to the Board, a copy to each member, making 270 type-written pages.

Special meetings were held in two of the churches, namely, Long Beach and San Diego, with satisfactory results.

The trouble arising out of the erection of the parsonage at Sanger was adjusted by the retirement of the pastor. The following donations were received and disbursed as noted:

RECEIPTS.

A friend	$161.25	
German Church, Sacramento	11.50	
St. Matthew's, San Francisco	5.00	
Trinity, S. S., Riverside	5.00	
First, Los Angeles	10.00	
St. Paul's, Sanger	7.00	
Lutheran Church Work	50.00	
Total		$249.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. Pontow	$161.25
Rev. Pontow's note in Sanger Bank	77.00
Interest on same	3.35
Horse hire	2.00

Telephone	.75	
Other expenses	4.25	
Total		248.60
Balance on hand		$1.15

NEW WORK.

Early in January a canvass of Berkeley was begun and has been followed up as time and opportunity would permit. Several families were found who would be willing to unite in mission work. A suitable hall has been engaged for some time, Sunday school literature ordered, and the first service was held October 12th. Berkeley is a growing city, and our work once under way, with the right man at the head, is bound to succeed. The Board has appropriated $1,200.00 towards the support of a pastor.

At the present time two missions are vacant, Glendale and Seattle, and the third, Oakland, will be vacant the last of October. Efforts are being made to secure suitable men for these fields.

Immediately upon the reorganization of the Home Mission Board, the following rules governing the Missionary Superintendents were adopted:

1. All Superintendents shall be considered as the representatives of the Board of Home Missions in their respective districts, and will be expected to have a care of and interest in our specific work, subject, however, to the authority and direction of the Committee on Superintendents and the General Secretary. It is assumed and directed that no very serious action will be taken by them without the advice and direction of the Board of Home Missions.

2. All Superintendents supported in part by the Board of Home Missions shall be required:

(*a*) To send to the members of the Board and the General Secretary immediately after the close of the calender month a monthly report in writing:

(1) Of their specific work done.

(2) Of the Home Missions addresses made.

(3) Of the missions visited during the month.

(4) Of the money raised during the month.

(5) Of any other information and suggestions from the field.

(*b*) To visit the missions and missionaries as often as practicable, and help and encourage them by their advice.

(*c*) To use as many Sundays as possible in presenting the cause of Home Missions in self-supporting congregations.

(*d*) To care for and supply all vacant missions in their district, and use every effort to secure pastors for them.

(*e*) To use their influence in securing the co-operation of the benevolently inclined for the great work of Home Missions by their gifts and remembering this work in their wills.

3. All Superintendents who are not supported by this Board in any part shall be requested to make quarterly reports of the condition of each one of the missions in their districts supported by the Board of Home Missions, to the Committee on Quarterly Reports and the General Secretary. They are invited and urged to give their assistance, as far as possible, in the same manner as the Superintendents who are supported by the Board.

4. There shall be held each biennium, on the day preceding the convention of the General Synod, a meeting of the Board of Home Missions, either as a whole or through its Committee on Superintendents and the General Secretary, and the Superintendents of all the districts, for a conference and to plan for the coming biennium. The necessary traveling expenses for this conference shall be paid by the Board of Home Missions, but in order to minimize the cost thereof, the Synods shall be asked to co-operate with us by electing the Superintendents as delegates to the General Synod, and in that case no expense will be paid by the Board.

A letter from the General Secretary, under date of September 29th, says he is sending me a full copy of the action of the Board defining the relationship of the Advisory Committee and the Missionary Superintendents to the Board, but no such literature has reached me as yet.

During the year I have continued to publish *The Pacific Lutheran* in the interests of our work. By the help of Mr. J. W. Fricke, of San Francisco, the business manager, this project has been made possible. Several of our churches have clubs and are receiving a number of papers each month. The success of this little but useful enterprise is assured if the pastors will simply appoint someone with whom we can deal. Surely there is a wide field for such an undertaking in this Synod.

And now, brethren, I submit for your patient consideration the report of the year, a year which has been spent largely in caring for the missions already established. It has not seemed wise to take the time for the inauguration of new work, when the work already begun is making such slow progress and apparently needs help. Another serious hindrance to the inauguration of new work is the lack of suitable missionaries. For nine months we have been endeavoring to find a suitable missionary for our work in Berkeley. As to the future, no prophesies shall be made. The advancement of our work depends upon the faithfulness with which each one of

us performs his work. With hearts and minds open to the direction of the Spirit of God, and with cordial co-operation, we shall arise above our difficulties, knowing that

"Not one accent of the Holy Ghost
On the heedless world was ever lost."

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER.

Report adopted, with the understanding that this does not commit Synod to the endorsement of the Board's plan.

Amendments to Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.

Standing Committees.

SECTION 1. After each annual convention of Synod the following standing committees shall be appointed, each to consist of three members, one of whom may be a layman, excepting Committee No. 2. Committee No. 5 shall be composed of three laymen.

(1) On Beneficiary Education.

(2) On the Examination of Candidates for Licensure and Ordination.

(3) On State of the Church.

(4) On Minutes of Synod.

(5) On Lutheran Brotherhood.

(6) Executive Committee.

Section 1, Supplemental. In addition to these committees there shall be an Advisory Committee of Home Missions, consisting of five members, of whom the President shall be one and *ex-officio* chairman, and two of whom may be laymen. The Missionary Superintendent shall be *ex-officio* a member of this committee. This Advisory Committee of Home Missions shall take the place of the former Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension wherever found in this Constitution.

Article XII, Section 2, last line to be changed as follows: "This committee shall meet once a month at such time and place as may be agreed upon."

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies.

Your committee would respectfully report the following, as shown by the various parochial reports: Five congregations report no young people's society. We trust they may be able to do so before the next convention of Synod. Nine societies report a loss of 84. This is sad that so many have turned away from this service of love. Eight societies report a gain of 47. We are glad for this activity. Four new societies have been organized during

the year with a membership of 105. This is splendid. Your committee is glad to note an increase of 81 over the previous year, or a total of 704 engaged in endeavor for Christ. Five congregations report junior and senior societies, and two report junior, intermediate and senior societies. This tells of wise leadership in directing young energy in holy endeavor.

Your committee recognizes in our young people's societies of endeavor for Christ one of the most useful arms of the Church, and would most earnestly commend their consecrated energies to our pastors as one of the most efficient helps in our Church for the evangelization of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SWICKARD,
N. N. HARTER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report of Sunday School Committee.

A comparison of the work accomplished by our Sunday schools during the past twelve months with that of the previous period of seventeen months is encouraging and shows considerable growth. Gains were made in nearly all our departments. There is an increase of two schools; 35 officers and teachers; and 160 scholars.

The Cradle Roll reports 231; the Home Department, 192, and 28 teacher-training students.

The deficit of $107.00 noted for school and local objects can perhaps be accounted for in the difference of time between this and last year's report. The gain for benevolence of $106.00 is very gratifying.

The baptized membership for the past year is 7,513; the entire enrollment of our Sunday schools is 2,654, a gain of only 160 members for twelve months; while there are 4,859 baptized members who are not connected with the Sunday schools. This condition is deplorable and your committee earnestly recommends that the pastors make this a matter of special consideration and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. GOLL,
JOHN K. REED,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The cause of temperance has moved steadily forward during the past year.

A number of victories have been won in our State under the Wyllie Local Option Law.

We rejoice in the passage of the Red Light Abatement Law and the general interest manifest in civic righteousness.

1. *Resolved,* That we recommend to our churches a closer study of the damaging effect of alcohol to the progress of Christ's kingdom.

2. *Resolved,* That Synod nominate a member to serve on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League.

3. *Resolved,* That in view of the lack of unity and co-operation on the part of the temperance organizations in our State at the present time, we deem the present movement for State-wide prohibition inopportune and unwise, and that a victory for the saloon in California would retard the larger program for national prohibition in 1920.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. CHAMBERS,
D. J. SNYDER.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, under the supervision of the Advisory Committee of Home Missions, to labor towards the inauguration of Immigrant Mission Work in San Francisco, and to urge the different steamship companies, and also the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, to render assistance.

Tellers for election of officers: Messrs. N. N. Fritz, J. F. Reimer and W. F. Fisher.

(See Calendar.)

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your committee have examined all bills and find them correct, and recommend the payment of them as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hoick	$13.71
Rev. C. F. Oehler	9.75
Rev. G. H. Hillerman	7.45
Total	$30.91

Respectfully submitted, E. G. OLSEN,
ANDREW HANSEN,
JACOB ROSENTHAL.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver.

NINTH SESSION.

Singing hymn. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Mottern.

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your committee recommends that the following brethren be excused from attendance on this convention:

Revs. W. Brandes, M. F. Rinker, E. F. A. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart, L. C. Routzahn, W. S. Hoskinson, J. A. B. Scherer and J. S. Moser; Messrs. C. W. Hershy, Geo. L. Curtis, John Esterly, W. A. Anderson, C. E. Beiers, H. F. Fisher and Ed. Liming.

Though absent without request to be excused, we recommend an exception in case of Rev. J. C. Pedersen, now in Africa, that he be excused.

The following were absent without excuse: Revs. Dr. M. L. Kunkelman, W. J. Roehmer and Lutz Horn; Messrs. Jacob Ohlemutz, E. J. Gustafson and H. C. Haacke. We recommend they be not excused.

The following brethren were absent from various sessions of Synod: Revs. H. S. Feix, Dr. John R. Braeuer, A. E. Isham, J. J. Chambers and John Gutleben; Messrs. R. S. E. Dogge and L. N. Kinser. We recommend they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MOTTERN,
S. W. YOUNG,
W. H. DERR.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your committee, having examined the Minutes of both Conferences, finds nothing demanding the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROMICH,
J. J. CHAMBERS,
AUGUST BAHR.

Report of Committee on Budget of Traveling Expenses of Pastors.

Your committee respectfully reports that the necessary traveling expenses of the pastors to this Synod amounts to $233.90. The

average is $9.35 per capita. This amount has been collected from the pastors, except from one brother who was unable to pay. We recommend that Synod advance the necessary amount to balance this account.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DERR,
JOHN R. BRAEUER,
JOHN KLEMM.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report the following:

1. That all accounts of the Treasurer have been checked and found to be honestly and faithfully kept.

2. That some difficulty was experienced in checking the accounts, due to the manner in which the money was received and the method of keeping the accounts.

And in lieu of the above, your Auditing Committee desires to offer the following resolutions:

1. That each congregation remit each amount of their apportionment for the different funds in full instead of installments.

2. That a better system be employed by the Treasurer in the keeping of his accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. REIMER,
JAMES POPERT,
W. FRANK FISHER.

Report of Committee on Ministers Demitting Active Ministry.

Your Committee on Members of Synod, who have demitted the active work of the ministry, recommends:

1. That Rev. J. S. Moser be granted a letter of dismissal to the Maryland Synod.

2. That Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., be granted a letter to the South Carolina Synod.

3. That no action be taken on the communications of four other brethren, three of whom are looking forward to resuming active work.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
W. H. DERR,
J. W. ROMICH.

After closing remarks by the President, Synod adjourned, being led in prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick, to meet

the second Friday of October, 1914, in Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California.

The above is a correct report of the minutes. All resolutions and reports appearing were adopted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM

SACRAMENTO, MONDAY, OCT. 13, 1913, 5.15 P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. F. Oehler.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the considering of the application of three brethren for membership in our Synod.

The first recommendation of the Examining Committee (see page 33) was taken up, and, on motion, was adopted.

The second recommendation was taken up, and, on motion, Rev. Legler was invited before the Ministerium, and the Examining Committee was instructed to conduct the examination.

After thorough examination on points of doctrine and Lutheran practice, Rev. Oehler made a motion, seconded by Rev. Rippe, that this Ministerium recommend to Synod that Rev. Carl Legler be received as a member and his name entered on the roll.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned, to reconvene after the evening service.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Funk.

9.20 P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Reed.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The chairman of the Examining Committee made a statement of the standing of Rev. Gustav A. Hiden, which was supplemented by Rev. Feix and Rev. Hoick.

On motion of Rev. H. J. Weaver, and seconded by Rev. H. H. Rippe, Rev. Hiden was invited before the Ministerium for examination, which was conducted by the Examining Committee and members of the Ministerium.

On motion of Rev. W. R. Swickard, seconded by Rev. C. A. Walton, Rev. Gustav A. Hiden was recommended to the Synod to be received into the Synod and his name to be entered on the roll.

Ministerium adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Weaver.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1913, 2 P. M.

Ministerium called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. Jatho.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by the Secretary.

The above is a full copy of the minutes of Ministerium.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. Leisenring, *Treasurer, in Account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, September 15, 1912, to Sepetmber 16, 1913.*

Churches.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension and Flood Fund.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	California Church Extension.	Midland College, Special.	Grand Totals.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	.....	$81 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	$133 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	$104 11	$163 25	.....	$482 10	.....	.....
Alameda	.....	.....	$22 81	.....	$7 90	$3 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	52 66	$3 81	$69 15
Alpaugh	$1 00	7 00	18 00	$15 00	23 50	5 00	5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$2 00	$5 00	23 00	1 00	.....	115 50	21 50	5 00
Fresno, Wartburg	.....	.....	27 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 22	.....	343 78
Glendale	.....	.....	7 66	.....	5 50	5 40	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 26	40	37 14
Long Beach	2 00	10 00	23 00	20 00	36 00	13 00	8 00	7 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	33 00	3 00	.....	168 00	24 00	.....
Los Angeles, First	12 00	58 00	136 00	146 00	129 00	78 00	47 00	39 00	39 00	19 00	12 00	194 00	19 00	.....	928 00	81 00	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	2 00	11 00	25 00	21 00	14 00	14 00	8 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	35 00	4 00	.....	154 00	.....	.....
Oakland	2 00	10 00	23 00	30 00	17 50	13 00	8 00	7 00	57 00	3 00	2 00	33 00	3 00	.....	208 50	64 50	.....
Pasadena	.....	12 00	28 50	15 00	46 00	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 00	.....	.....	158 75	36 50	51 75
Redlands	1 00	7 00	16 00	14 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	23 00	2 00	.....	99 00	.....	.....
Riverside	2 00	11 00	25 00	22 00	14 00	14 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	36 00	4 00	.....	157 00	.....	.....
Sacramento, First	3 00	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	28 00	1 00	136 00
Sacramento, German	9 00	47 00	55 00	44 00	66 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157 00	.....	.....	423 00	3 00	264 00
Salinas	1 00	6 20	18 20	31 50	22 50	9 00	5 00	4 15	4 00	2 00	1 00	20 00	2 00	.....	126 55	35 35	2 80
San Bernardino	3 00	13 00	30 00	26 00	17 00	17 00	18 00	9 00	15 00	4 00	3 00	43 00	4 00	.....	202 00	14 00	.....
San Diego	4 00	18 00	44 00	62 00	26 00	24 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	61 00	6 00	.....	294 00	27 00	.....
San Francisco, First	5 00	24 00	.....	2 00	26 55	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	92 55	.....	256 45
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	2 00	10 00	37 00	10 00	23 00	5 00	.....	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	16 00	.....	.....	112 00	25 00	52 00
San Francisco, St. Luke's	1 00	5 00	11 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	15 00	2 00	.....	68 00	.....	.....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	3 00	16 00	36 00	18 00	57 00	18 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	41 00	.....	.....	210 00	36 00	51 00
Sanger	1 35	2 00	16 25	3 00	4 25	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 50	2 00	1 00	.....	38 35	.....	154 65
San José	2 00	12 00	29 00	25 00	16 00	16 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	2 00	41 00	4 00	.....	177 00	.....	.....
Santa Barbara	1 00	6 00	14 55	12 00	8 00	8 65	5 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	22 65	2 00	.....	90 85	1 85	.....
Seattle, Wash.	2 00	.....	11 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	11 00	26 00
From Other Sources.																	
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Rev. O. H. Gruver	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75	.....	$25 00	31 75	.....	.....
Rev. J. J. Chambers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	55 00	.....	.....
Amount received	59 35	366 50	659 19	535 50	589 70	327 25	300 44	128 85	181 00	61 00	44 50	1015 51	220 25	80 00	4569 04	385 91	1449 72
Amount remitted	59 35	269 96	659 19	535 50	589 70	327 25	175 00	128 85	181 00	61 00	44 50	825 33	100 00	80 00	4036 63	.....	.....
Difference	.....	96 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 18	120 25	.....	532 41	.....	.....
Excess on objects					127 70												

Churches.	Communicant Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Total.
Alameda, Christ	62	$3	$6	$23	$20	$16	$12	$6	$6	$6	$3	$3	$31	$135
Alpaugh, First	67	3	7	25	21	17	13	7	7	7	3	3	34	147
Fresno, Wartburg	378	19	38	140	121	98	76	38	38	38	19	19	189	833
Fresno, St. Paul's	173	9	17	64	55	45	35	17	17	17	9	9	87	381
Glendale, First	17	1	2	6	5	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	9	38
Long Beach, Trinity	70	4	7	26	22	18	14	7	7	7	4	4	35	155
Los Angeles, First	400	20	40	148	128	102	80	40	40	40	20	20	200	878
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	80	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	40	177
Los Molinos, St. John's	28	1	3	10	9	7	6	3	3	3	1	1	14	61
Oakland, First	64	3	6	24	20	17	13	6	6	6	3	3	32	139
Pasadena, Trinity	82	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	41	178
Redlands, First	54	3	5	20	17	14	11	5	5	5	3	3	27	118
Riverside, Trinity	75	4	8	28	24	20	15	8	8	8	4	4	38	169
Sacramento, First	70	4	7	26	22	18	14	7	7	7	4	4	35	155
Sacramento, German	315	16	32	117	101	82	63	32	32	32	16	16	158	697
Salinas, Our Saviour's	39	2	4	14	12	9	8	4	4	4	2	2	19	84
San Bernardino, First	102	5	10	38	33	27	20	10	10	10	5	5	51	224
San Diego, First	130	7	13	48	42	34	26	13	13	13	7	7	65	288
San Francisco, First	120	6	12	44	38	31	24	12	12	12	6	6	60	263
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	70	4	7	26	22	18	14	7	7	7	4	4	35	155
San Francisco, St. Luke's	20	1	2	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	1	1	10	33
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	114	6	11	42	36	30	23	11	11	11	6	6	57	250
Sanger, St. Paul's	96	5	10	36	31	25	19	10	10	10	5	5	48	214
San José, Grace	82	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	41	178
Santa Barbara, Grace	48	2	5	18	15	12	10	5	5	5	2	2	24	105
Seattle, St. Paul's	33	2	3	12	11	9	7	3	3	3	2	2	17	74
Total	2789	$142	$279	$1032	$889	$721	$558	$279	$279	$279	$142	$142	$1397	$6139

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Index. No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL: Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work."	Losses: Death.	Losses: Certificate.	Losses: Other Losses.	Accessions: Infant Baptisms.	Accessions: Adult Baptisms.	Accessions: Confirmations.	Accessions: Certificate.	Accessions: Restoration.	Membership: Communicant.	Membership: Confirmed.	Membership: Baptized.	Finances: Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances: Indebtedness.	Finances: Regular Local Expenses	Finances: Unusual Local Expenses	SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Cont'tions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	Cont'tions: For Benevolence.
1	C. A. Walton	Alameda	Christ	1	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	1	3	..	10	..	1	62	79	188	$6000	$1100	$600	$500	1	7	65	..	..	..	$120	$10
2	J. J. Chambers	Alpaugh	First	1	..	2	..	16	1	..	2	..	3	6	9	9	..	67	67	94	5500	675	686	980	1	18	70	..	..	20	99	5
3	H. H. Rippe	Fresno	Wartburg	1	..	1	..	32	1	7	..	16	56	..	14	2	161	378	392	900	7500	1250	1065	305	1	14	298	..	..	..	46	15
4	C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	19	..	..	..	..	..	173	173	340	6000	3000	500	196	1	8	60	..	..	..	..	..
5	M. F. Rinker	Glendale	First	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	17	17	18	1200	..	300	300	1	5	34	..	8	3	34	..
6	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	2	..	3	2	..	7	3	7	1	3	6	4	70	85	138	12000	3675	949	70	1	13	71	2	..	..	96	64
7	H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	4	2	13	25	4	9	..	19	3	14	17	19	400	638	862	90000	10700	5570	..	1	32	263	..	20	23	514	113
8	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	6	6	1	4	3	4	..	1	24	3	80	121	191	14500	4780	1175	333	1	14	105	..	10	30	146	36
9	H. M. Leech	Oakland	First	1	..	2	..	12	4	..	..	20	6	..	11	..	14	64	160	205	50000	9220	1013	688	1	20	124	..	..	20	202	72
10	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	2	..	4	8	..	5	5	2	..	3	6	3	82	119	125	10200	1900	1103	218	1	7	58	..	15	..	118	65
11	A. E. Isham	Redlands	First	1	..	2	1	6	16	1	6	..	1	..	6	4	1	54	63	85	9000	..	793	227	1	13	61	..	..	6	138	14
12	R. W. Mottern	Riverside	Trinity	1	1	2	..	5	5	2	1	18	4	..	5	12	7	75	89	150	6000	..	878	254	1	15	85	6	7	15	170	57
13	H. C. Funk	Sacramento	First	1	..	1	..	8	5	3	..	7	10	..	5	..	..	70	140	200	25000	2500	1300	1600	1	10	80	5	..	..	80	..
14	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	36	8	12	2	9	34	..	25	..	..	315	606	1094	90000	8600	4115	..	1	23	240	..	..	28	365	124
15	N. N. Harter	Salinas	Our Saviour's	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	1	6	..	2	39	68	81	4500	1475	368	161	1	4	17	..	..	..	21	33
16	J. W. Romich	San Bernardino	First	1	..	3	..	5	..	..	1	7	4	5	6	11	3	102	121	180	6300	2800	816	..	1	16	150	..	..	16	122	92
17	G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1	1	5	..	8	14	3	6	7	15	2	6	13	7	130	167	250	20000	..	1671	1655	1	20	140	..	42	20	188	95
18	Vacant	San Francisco	First	1	..	2	1	10	..	1	5	2	5	..	10	3	1	120	440	500	60000	4700	2923	..	1	12	100	1	25	30	143	19
19	A Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	8	70	122	196	16500	800	731	1035	1	3	43	..	..	..	114	27
20	W. R. Swickard	San Francisco	St. Luke's	1	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	6	1	20	37	53	600	345	..	..	1	9	90	..	..	..	128	..
21	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	12	3	3	..	..	27	..	12	1	..	114	166	265	42000	9625	2670	2040	1	18	94	..	..	..	295	45
22	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's*	1	..	..	..	22	1	18	..	6	73	7	26	51	..	*	440	800	180000	..	3539	675	1	18	164	14	..	..	163	75
23	A. Bahr	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	4	11	..	10	..	..	96	96	215	2900	500	300	40	1	5	55	..	..	..	10	2
24	J. E. Hoick	San Jose	Grace	1	..	2	..	14	4	1	7	10	10	..	13	1	4	82	142	185	20000	2000	840	676	1	8	76	..	38	20	128	34
25	G. P. Goll	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	1	..	3	..	1	3	5	..	..	3	2	11	48	60	68	10000	962	469	859	1	8	36	..	27	..	92	33
26	J. R. Braeuer	Seattle	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	7	..	33	50	150	3000	2275	1816	..	1	9	75	..	..	..	88	15
27	Totals for 1913			26	2	37	5	264	105	64	64	149	323	25	202	175	249	2761	4658	7513	698700	62537	36625	12412	26	329	2654	28	192	231	3620	1045
28	Totals for 1912†			24	..	38	2	241	..	46	79	318	326	63	234	246	129	2314	3700	5681	500350	69521	37297	85264	24	294	2494	..	..	..	3727	939
29	Gain			2	2	..	3	13	105	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	447	958	1832	198350	..	..	..	2	35	160	28	192	231	..	106
30	Loss					1					15	160	3	38	39	71						6084	679	73852							107	

Index Number.	Y. P. SOCIETIES: Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions: For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	W. M. SOCIETIES: Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work"	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	BROTHERHOODS: Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	DUES: General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE: Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1													$18	$3		$2	$3									$26	$1126
2	1	27	$11									1	7	41	$15	24	5	$5	$10	$5		$5	$2	$5	$32	157	1823
3	1	63	65	$17								5	10	75	5	15				5		2	2	2	68	189	1559
4	1	18	12																								696
5	1	7	20					3						7		5	5			2					40	59	749
6	1	17	20	14	1	12		4	$35			2	10	56	20	16	13	8	35	7		7	3	3	73	253	1272
7	3	95	4	384	3	79	4	35	538	3	67	12	58	362	400	158	78	47	538	39		39	19	12	525	2287	7857
8	1	8	16		1	20		11	37			2	11	60	21	18	14	8	37	7		7	4	2	28	219	1727
9	1	39	40		1	14		12	21			2	10	81	30	16	13	8	21	7		7	3	2	221	421	2122
10	2	38	83		1	20		12	59				12	74	15	16	11		59						30	217	1538
11	1	18	20		1	12	5	8	75			1	7	39	14	11	9	5	75	5		5	2	1	10	184	1204
12	1	30	44	18	1	22	6	5	92			2	11	61	22	18	14	9	92	7		7	4	2		249	1381
13	1	15			1	12		7	25				5					5	15						5	30	2930
14	2	80	315	35	1	95	25	20	653			9	47	55	44	30	45		280						320	830	4945
15	1	23	18	9	1	12		3	245			1	7	15	13	9	9	5		4		4	2	1	16	86	615
16	2	32	19		2	32		16	186	1	20	1	13	77	26	17	17	10	73	9		9	4	3		261	1077
17	3	75	70	88	1	23	1	24	113	1	16	4	18	105	73	32	24	15	113	12		12	6	4	84	502	3828
18	1	35	117		1	19		6	32			5	24	25	2	27		10	32							125	3048
19					1	53		11	70			2	10	53	10	23	5		61	3		3	2	1	37	210	1976
20												1	5	26	9	8	6	4		3		3	2	1		68	413
21	1	48	169		1	36		3	138			3	16	77	18	57	18	8	39	4		4	2	3		249	4959
22	1		92		6	137		1	305					10											325	335	4549
23												1	2	16	3		2	2		2		1		1	69	99	439
24	1	14	10		1	14	2	12	85			2	12	70	25	20	16	10	85	8		8	4	2	39	301	1817
25	1	24	31	5	1	24	1	8	256			1	6	14	12	8	8	5	56	4		4	2	1	36	157	1485
26					1	18						2		10	5	10	5									32	1848
27	28	706	996	570	27	654	44	201	2995	5	103	61	319	1412	782	540	320	164	1621	133		127	63	46	1958	7546	56983
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Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER.

DIRECTORY, 1913-1914

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Next Convention.

Place—Santa Barbara, Cal.
Time—October 10th, 1914.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REV. C. F. OEHLER, D. D., PASTOR)
SACRAMENTO, CAL., OCTOBER 11-13, 1913

FIRST SESSION.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., OCTOBER 11, 1913, 2 P. M.

The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. M. Leech, of Oakland.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Funk.

Delegates presented their credentials and roll was called as follows:

Sacramento (German)—Mrs. Grunewald, Mrs. Lothamer, Miss Stuber.

Sacramento (German Y. P. S. C. E.)—Miss Oehler.

Sacramento (English)—Mrs. Funk, Mrs. Jackson.

San Francisco (First)—Mrs. Fritz, Miss Scheper.

San Francisco (St. Matthew's)—Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Dorr.

San Francisco (St. Matthew's L. L.)—Miss Olsen.

San Francisco (St. Andrew's)—Mrs. Jatho.

San José (Grace)—Mrs. Hoick.

Oakland (First)—Mrs. Leech, Miss Flathman.

San Diego (First)—Mrs. Sechrist.

Long Beach (Trinity)—Mrs. Snyder. (*a. e.*)

Advisory—Mrs. Swickard, Mrs. Harter, Mrs. Pontow.

Rules of order were read by the Secretary.

On motion, all ministers' wives not delegates were made advisory members.

The President appointed Mrs. Grunewald Treasurer *pro tem.* of the convention in absence of Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Grunewald, of Sacramento, and responded to by Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Swickard and Miss Flathman.

Fraternal greetings were expressed by Rev. J. E. Hoick, President of the California Synod.

Mrs. Phillips, of the Baptist Church, brought greetings from the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society.

Greetings by letter were received from Mrs. Hartman, President of General Society; Mrs. Shaffer, Secretary of General Society; Mrs. Breckenridge, President of Executive Committee; Mrs. Miller, Treasurer of General Society; Miss Louise Miller, Young People's Missionary to India.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to extend sympathy of convention to Mrs. Miller.

A very able address, entitled "New Americans for New America," was presented by Miss Christiansen, of Oakland.

An offering of $2.50 was received.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with the missionary benediction.

Twilight service, prepared by Mrs. Snyder, was conducted by Miss Stuber.

SUNDAY EVENING.

October 12, 1913, 7.30 o'clock.

The Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was held in the German Lutheran Church, C. F. Oehler, D. D., pastor.

The President, Mrs. H. M. Leech, of Oakland, presided.

Liturgical service, conducted by Dr. Oehler. The Scriptures were read by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, of San José.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Oehler.

Hymn No. 42 was sung and announcements made.

After an anthem by the choir, the Rev. George Goll, former missionary to Africa, now of Santa Barbara, delivered an inspiring address, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The address was based upon the words of Mary the mother of Jesus, spoken at the marriage feast at Galilee, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." This was his message for the evening. He praised the women for their untiring efforts and zeal in the work.

Miss Lothamer, of the German Church, rendered an excellent vocal solo, after which the offering was taken up, amounting to $30.00, the largest ever received at an anniversary service.

The congregation sang a hymn and the benediction was pronounced.

The services for the evening closed with an anthem by the choir.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9 A. M.

Devotional service conducted by Miss Flathman.

Mrs. Hoick was in the chair and called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The President presented her report.

President's Report.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD:

We recognize the goodness and mercy of our loving heavenly Father in permitting us to come together in convention.

We have met to bring the record of the results of the past year's

work and to plan more aggressive work for the new year. As we review the records it behooves us to examine carefully the profits and losses. Since we cannot undo the past we may profit by our mistakes and thus do more efficient work in the future.

We would all agree that we wish for our own individual society advance along all lines. But are we anxious enough to pray more, work more, give more for the advancement of the especial work He has given us to do?

Reports will reveal much, but they cannot tell of the inner, richer experiences of the heart, *i.e.* of faith and victory, or of doubt and defeat.

What is the call of the hour? A full consecration of ourselves and that which God has given us of material things. The world is full of opportunities, of possibilities, and let us pray that God will open our eyes to them. The motto of the old sun dial is one which we *all* might heed:

> "The hour thou readest now on me
> Will never more be offered thee.
> No hour ever comes back again for good or ill;
> We use it or lose it as it passes."

Mrs. E. D. Miller has well said, "Women used to be admired for their grace and beauty, but the twentieth century women are admired for their wonderful achievements. Real live missionary work demands womanhood and vigorous, vital Christian faith." Christianity stands for all that is best in the world, and may we as Christian women live true to that we profess.

Our women of the California Synod are a loyal faithful band of consecrated women. They have put forth heroic efforts, exhibited great faith. We pray God to richly bless their efforts.

The General Society.—It will not be necessary to dwell upon the work of the General Society, for it will be our privilege and pleasure to listen to the report of the inspiring convention at York, Pa., given by our former President of the California societies, Mrs. J. W. Ball. It has been an inspiration to her, and I trust that she may, in her report, be able to impart to us a part, at least, of the blessing she received by coming in close touch with our missionary women of the east and some of those who labor in the foreign field.

Our Home Work.—It is difficult to compare this year's report with that of last year, as that included the work of 16 months. Hence the amount contributed to most objects is less than that in the previous report, except that of the Thank-Offering and May Memorial. The increase in Thank-Offering is $77.78, and in May Memorial $36.00.

I would like at this time to call attention once more to the new outline of work as recommended at our convention in Los Angeles. Each quarterly letter has stated the objects for that special quarter, yet there still seems to be a misunderstanding.

March—General Fund and India Bed.

June—General Fund and May Memorial.

September—General Fund and Synodical Fee.

December—General Fund and Thank-Offering and Christmas Offering.

By observing this outline we can greatly assist the Treasurer as well as the General Society.

The New Books for Study.—Book I. "The New America"—a study of immigration. Someone has said, "In America man stands face to face with a civilization in the making." Also, "I am inclined to think that the future of America is of greater importance to Christendom at large than that of any other country." "The world neighbors are actually dropping in here, not one by one, but two every minute day and night, year after year. Are we giving them adequate Christian welcome? What a matchless chance is here for the redemption of the whole world! There was never anything like it since Jesus rose with scarred hands above the slopes of Olivet and sent His voice ringing down the ages, "Make disciples of all nations."

Book II. "The King's Business" is a study of increased efficiency for women's missionary societies. "This book has met the need for a clearer understanding of organization, business methods, greater economy and efficiency, stewardship, federation, and the hidden springs of prayer." "The kingdom of Christ will not come until the whole spirit of Christ is made manifest everywhere in individual lives. We must have Christ's conception of real and living unity. When we reach that unity one with another and all with God, then the world will believe and the kingdom will be realized."

Suggestions for the New Year.—You will hear from our various officers and Department Secretaries of the successes and failures of the year. Of the discouragements that have met us, we hope to say that they are very few. By carefully heeding their suggestions from time to time we can be of great help to these women in their line of work.

We have conferred with the pastor of the Alameda Church and they hope to organize a society in the near future. We would suggest to each Vice-President to make special effort to organize societies and bands in each congregation where none now exists.

May the coming year see more Home Department societies either

in connection with that of the Sunday school, or with that of the Missionary Society alone. We wish someone to push this work. We hope for greater interest among the young people. Could they not devote one meeting each month to missions? Also a more vigorous activity as to Children's Bands.

We call attention to Home Mission Week, November 16th to 23d, 1913. We want to unite our prayers to the throne of Grace for our beloved country.

Our Annuity Secretaries, Mrs. J. W. Ball and Mrs. W. E. Crouser, will send out during the coming year information of the Annuity Plan. We trust many will be interested.

We urge prompt renewals of our most excellent magazine—*Lutheran Woman's Work*. We cannot afford to be without it. There should be an earnest effort made to have a copy in each home.

Last, but not least by any means, I wish to call attention to the fact of Miss Louise V. Miller being made the missionary of the young people. Miss Miller is to be one of the high school teachers in our India work. She is a member of our First Church in Oakland, but we may say she is for all California. The Oakland Church has already given their pledge of $10.00 annually to her support. We earnestly urge some of the Young People's Societies or other societies of the California Synod to make similar pledges. We feel she belongs to us, and wish to send her forth not only with our prayers, but with our substance.

Christian women, let us learn to pray as never before. In the Synodical work let us unitedly pray for definite results, as the Spirit shall direct us, until God's name shall be glorified in abundant answers. We need more members, more societies, more money, more consecration, more love; these things we need, but we must learn to pray. As to our future, we are confident its success will depend upon God's power granted in answer to our prayers. This must be a year rich in grace and experience in answered prayer. Our work depends upon it. Most earnestly do we desire that the devotional services and twilight prayers will result in an infilling of God's power and a greater realization of Christ's presence.

We look into the open door of the year planned for us, dear Christian women; let us pray that our faith may be strong enough to grasp the opportunities therein revealed.

> "Heaven is the magazine where God puts good;
> Prayer is the key that opens this great treasure.
> Wouldst thou have a blessing fall upon thee?
> Open the door and it will shower on thee."

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. M. LEECH.

The President appointed the following committees:

President's Report—Mrs. Hoick, Miss Scheper.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Dorr.

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Grunewald, Miss Stuber.

Historian's Report—Miss Oehler, Miss Olsen.

Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. Jackson, Miss Stuber.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Funk, Mrs. Lothamer.

Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. Swickard, Mrs. Harter, Mrs. Jatho.

Reporters. Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Hoick.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Jatho.

Lutheran Church Work—Mrs. Swickard.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Number of Woman's Societies		16
Number of Young People's Societies		1
Number of Children's Bands		1
Total number of Societies		18
Active Members		406
Honorary Members		47
Life Members		50
Home Department Members		18
Members in Woman's Societies	453	
Members in Young People's Societies	27	
Members in Children's Bands	19	
Grand total	499	
Lutheran Woman's Work		196
Lutheran Boys and Girls		75

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER.

Mrs. Hoick gave a report of the Northern Conference.

Historian's Report.

The following persons have become life members since the last convention in 1912:

Life Members: Mrs. R. J. Cunning, San Bernardino; Mrs. R. Warren Mottern, Riverside; Mrs. Alma D. Isham, Redlands; Mrs. Caroline L. Miller, Mrs. E. Herman, Sacramento.

Honorary Life Members: Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., Sacramento; Carl Theodore Isham, Redlands; George Adolf Jatho, San Francisco.

Memorial Life Member: Mrs. J. B. Conrad, Riverside.

Total life members, 45; honorary life members, 10; memorial member, 1.

A large book has been purchased in which to record the names of life members, which should be sent to the Historian, that a correct record may be kept.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Grunewald. (See Appendices A and B.)

Report of the Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee, to whom was given the examination of the Treasurer's books, have attended to its duty and report that the books are found correct.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. GRUNEWALD,
MISS KATE STUBER.

A paper, "Our Meetings," prepared by Mrs. Isham, was read by Miss Flathman.

Another paper, "Some Hard Problems," was presented by Mrs. Swickard.

After presentation of these papers, there was an interchange of ideas as to ways and means to make meetings more interesting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned till the afternoon session.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1913.

Devotions by Miss Stuber.

The President presided, roll was called and minutes of forenoon session read and approved.

The report of delegate to Biennial Convention at York, prepared by Mrs. J. W. Ball, was presented by Miss Stuber.

Miss Stuber also told about her own impressions as delegate to the Louisville convention two years ago.

Dr. Ball and Rev. Gruver addressed the meeting and both told of the cordial welcome and great hospitality

offered to the California delegation. Rev. Gruver could not resist pledging himself $50.00 for California for completion of maternity ward for Dr. Kugler's work in India.

"Gleanings from Mount Hermon" were given by Mrs. Hoick.

A short recess was taken to enjoy the rendition of a piano solo by Miss Links, a reading by Miss Oehler and a dialogue, representing the Home Department, by the Misses Guthrie and Schay.

In the delegates' hour encouraging reports were received from the following Auxiliaries: Sacramento (German); Sacramento (English); San Francisco, First Church, St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's; Oakland, First Church; San José, Grace Church; San Diego, First Church; Los Angeles, St. Mark's; Pasadena, Trinity; Riverside, Trinity; Redlands, First.

After taking up the offering, amounting to $1.45, motion prevailed to adjourn till next morning.

Twilight service conducted by Mrs. Sechrist.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

The President called the meeting to order.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Sechrist. Roll was called, minutes read and approved, after which the following papers were read:

A paper by Miss Wells, entitled "Every Christian a Missionary," was read by Miss Scheper.

A paper by Miss Valeria Mayer, of Young People's Society of Los Angeles, "Junior Missionary Work," was interesting and full of good suggestions. It was read by Miss Olsen.

"Thank-Offering," by Mrs. Hillerman, and read by Mrs. Swickard, urged the members to let their watchword be "Five Hundred Dollars Thank-Offering for 1914."

"Our Magazine" was presented by Miss Stuber. A general discussion followed on how to get new subscribers.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee has carefully read the President's report and desires to express its appreciation of her efficient service during her term of office. We recommend the following suggestions:

1. That the Vice-Presidents help organize societies and bands in their territory.
2. That the Home Department work receive more attention.
3. That Young People's Societies be requested to help in the support of Miss Louise Miller, the recently appointed missionary to India.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. HOICK,
MISS A. SCHEPER.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee, in compliance with the directions given on minutes of last convention, desires to report that said minutes have been carefully examined as found in the Recording Secretary's book, and compared with the printed minutes of Synod, and found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. R. SWICKARD,
MRS. N. N. HARTER,
MRS. A. JATHO.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report as follows:

The convention was most cordially welcomed in "greetings" by Mrs. Grunewald. A response by our President, Mrs. Leech, and others of the convention, voiced our appreciation of her words.

The letters of encouragement and greeting from our President of the General Convention, Mrs. J. F. Hartman; our General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller; the chairman of Executive Committee, Mrs. Breckenridge, and Editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work,* Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, were gladly received; as was also the letter of greeting from Miss Miller, our California missionary, now on her way to India.

The papers by Mrs. Isham, Mrs. Swickard, Miss Wells, Miss Mayer, Mrs. Hillerman and Miss Stuber, were full of interest and information.

The report of the delegate to the General Convention, Mrs. J. W. Ball, as read by Miss Stuber and supplemented by her own experiences, gladdened our hearts.

The fraternal greeting from the California Synod, as brought to us by the President of Synod, Rev. J. E. Hoick, and the address given by the Rev. George P. Goll were full of encouragement and enthusiasm.

The address given by Miss Christiansen and the "Mount Hermon Gleanings," by Mrs. Hoick, gave us a forward look into the good things of the coming year for which we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. C. FUNK,
MRS. A. LOTHAMMER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved,* That this convention extends hearty thanks to the good people of the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento for their kindness and generous hospitality shown us.

2. *Resolved,* That we express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who in any way contributed to the success of this convention.

3. *Resolved,* That we express our deep regret at the loss our missionary work has sustained in the death of our missionaries, Rev. Straw and Rev. Brosius.

4. *Resolved,* That we return our thanks to our heavenly Father for the help and inspiration we have received through meeting together at this convention.

Respectfully submitted, ROSA FLATHMAN,
LUCY E. SECHRIST.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

The amount of our Thank-Offering for 1912 was $359.93, being a gain of $77.78 over that of the previous year. The work seems to be gaining a stronger hold in our societies, and we hope for even greater results.

During the year over five dozen new boxes were sent out, and there will be one hundred at convention for free distribution. Delegates are requested to carry a supply with them for use in their societies during the coming year.

At our next convention we shall celebrate the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Thank-Offering Department. In recognition of the event, we suggest that this convention adopt the following watchword for the year's work, Five Hundred Dollars Thank-Offering for 1914. It can easily be done if each one does her full duty in praying and giving.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

The following bills were presented:

Thank-Offering	$1.25
Programs	7.50
President's expenses	8.00
Treasurer's expenses	4.00
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	2.50
Literature Committee's expenses	3.91
Historian's expenses	1.50
	$28.66

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay these bills.

It was moved and seconded that the Synodical Society pay the annual dues of $5.00 to Mount Hermon Federated School of Missions. Motion carried.

A brief talk on "Woman's International Congress of Missions," to be held in San Francisco in 1915, was given by the President, Mrs. Leech, who is the Corresponding Secretary for the United States and Canada for the committee.

An offering of $1.30 was received.

On motion, $20.00 was contributed to be applied on the California pledge for Dr. Kugler's work.

The following resolution was sent in by Synod:

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention be respectfully asked to assist in the payment of the printing of the minutes, beginning with those of the Los Angeles Convention of 1912, if this meets with their pleasure. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society proportion, $38.65.

It was moved and seconded to pay for minutes for 1912, $38.65. The motion was carried.

On motion, all literature is to be retained and paid for.

On motion, adjournment was taken till the afternoon.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 1 P. M.

The President called the convention to order. Roll was called, minutes read and approved.

For report of the Nominating Committee see Directory.

Report of the Nominating Committee was accepted.

On motion, the retiring President was given a rising vote of thanks for her very efficient services.

Rev. Goll invited convention to meet in the Santa Barbara Church next year. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send for the life membership certificates.

On motion, the Synodical fee was reduced to 20 cents.

On motion, Mrs. Herman, of the German Lutheran Church of Sacramento, was made a life member. Miss Stuber expressed thanks for Mrs. Herman.

There being no further business, the President declared the convention closed with the missionary benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. JATHO,
Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Treasurer, 1912-1913.

Names of Societies	General Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Life Membership.	India Bed Fund.	May Memorial Fund.	New Building in Africa.	India Girl Protégé.	Synodical Fund and Tracts.	Totals.
Balance, September 20, 1912	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$86 70	$86 70
Offering at Convention, September 21-25, 1912	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 47	39 47
Offering at Northern Conference, May, 1913	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 80	3 80
Offering at Southern Conference, April 16, 1913	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75	5 75
Seminary Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 00	106 00
Permanent Life Membership Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50
Alpaugh	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Long Beach	17 55	$13 18	.....	.....	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	35 73
Los Angeles (First Church)	38 35	52 00	$6 25	.....	7 00	$1 50	$18 00	$25 00	7 00	155 10
Los Angeles (A. F. C. M. B.)	27 30	17 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 84
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	30 30	5 70	.....	.....	3 65	.....	.....	.....	5 00	44 65
Oakland	13 30	4 30	.....	.....	1 60	70	2 00	.....	1 00	22 90
Pasadena	22 20	10 00	.....	.....	3 40	2 00	.....	.....	5 25	42 85
Redlands	20 30	24 00	.....	$20 00	3 40	2 20	50	.....	3 25	73 65
Riverside	28 10	26 56	6 15	20 00	4 20	2 20	.....	.....	5 50	92 71
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	12 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 70
Sacramento (English)	9 30	6 35	1 30	.....	1 80	90	.....	.....	75	20 40
Sacramento (German)	90 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	22 00	185 00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
San Bernardino	24 50	31 00	3 50	10 00	2 60	.....	.....	.....	2 00	73 60
San Diego	27 00	70 75	3 25	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	6 00	113 00
San Francisco (First English)	20 05	5 60	.....	.....	6 75	.....	.....	.....	2 50	34 90
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	29 85	9 55	5 00	10 00	.....	1 90	.....	.....	.....	56 30
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	22 00	4 40	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	5 25	39 15
San José	17 00	50 00	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 50	74 50
Santa Barbara	7 20	4 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	1 10	.....	.....	4 00	30 30
Delegates of Synodical Society at meeting in Los Angeles	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Interest on Deposit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 77	7 77
Amount Received	$477 00	$359 93	$38 45	$90 00	$68 40	$28 00	$20 50	$25 00	$326 99	$1434 27
Amount Remitted	477 00	359 93	38 45	90 00	68 40	28 00	20 50	25 00	.....	1107 28
Amount in Treasury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$326 99	$326 99

APPENDIX B.—Financial Report, 1912-1913.

Receipts.

September 20, 1912. To balance		$86 70
September 21 to 25, 1912. Offering at Convention		39 47
May, 1913. Offering at Northern Conference		3 80
April 16, 1913. Offering at Southern Conference		5 75
Seminary Fund		106 00
Permanent Life Membership Fund		2 50
General Fund	$477 00	
Thank Offering	359 93	
Christmas Offering	38 45	
Life Membership	90 00	
India Bed Fund	68 40	
May Memorial Fund	28 00	
New Building in Africa	20 50	
India Girl Protégé	25 00	
Synodical Fund and Tracts	75 00	
Interest on Deposit	7 77	
		1190 05
		$1434 27

Expenditures.

Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$477 00	
By Thank Offering	359 93	
By Christmas Offering	38 45	
By Life Membership	90 00	
By India Bed Fund	68 40	
By May Memorial Fund	28 00	
By New Building in Africa	20 50	
By India Girl Protégé	25 00	
By Delegate's Expenses to General Convention	15 00	
		$1122 28
By Seminary Fund		106 00
By Interest on Seminary Fund		4 25
By Mt. Hermon School of Missions		5 00
Synodical Expenses:		
By President, for Programs	$4 50	
By President, for Postage	5 00	
By Thank Offering Secretary, Postage	1 00	
By Corresponding Secretary, Postage	2 50	
By Literature Secretary, Postage and Tracts	7 14	
By Treasurer, Postage	4 00	
		24 14
Balance		172 60
		$1434 27

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6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
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9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
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Sermon by Rev. D. J. Snyder. (Rev. O. H. Gruver.)

Sunday Morning

Sermon by Rev. J. W. Romich. (Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.)

Sunday Evening

Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Monday Afternoon

Paper, Augsburg Confession, Art. XVI, "Civil Affairs." Rev. A. E. Isham. (Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.)

(Paper and discussion limited to one hour.)

Monday Evening

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service of the California Synod. (In charge of Committee.)

Tuesday Evening

Sermon by Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D. (Rev. J. J. Chambers.)

Next Convention

Place.—Mount Hermon, Cal.
Time.—October 8 to 13, 1915.

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Santa Barbara, Cal., Friday, Oct. 9, 1914, 8 p.m.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of California Synod met in Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, Cal., Rev. George Philip Goll, pastor. Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. J. E. Hoick, on "The Victories of Faith." 1 John 5 : 4. Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Santa Barbara, Cal., Saturday, Oct. 10, 1914, 9 a.m.

Devotional service, by Rev. D. J. Snyder, "Personal Responsibility," 2 Tim. 1 : 1 to 2 : 13.

Synod formally opened by the President.

* Secretaries of District Synods are asked to send minutes in exchange to Rev. George H. Hillerman, Secretary, 1140 Twenty-first Street, San Diego, Cal.

Synodical Roll.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc.D., D.D., *a. e.*	1879	1891	Montara.		
2	Charles F. Oehler, D. D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	Sacramento, German	James Popert.
3	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1893	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	E. G. Olsen, *a. e.*
4	L. C. Routzahn, *a.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.		
5	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.	San Francisco, St. Andrew's	Conrad Schneider, *a. e.*
6	William Brandes, *a. e.*	1889	1896	Oakland, 526 23d St.		
7	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	San Diego, 1140 21st St.	San Diego, First	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.
8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	San José, 180 E. Julian St.	San José, Grace	L. C. Smith, *a. e.*
9	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Los Angeles, 831 Harvard Blvd.	Los Angeles, First	H. A. Getz.
10	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	San José, 450 N. 4th St.	Missionary Superintendent	
11	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave.	Alameda (supply)	H. C. Hacke, *a. e.*
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	
13	John Gutleben, *a. e.*	1870	1905	Oakland, 2228 High St.		
14	J. C. Pedersen, *a. e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa	Missionary.	
15	William J. Roehmer, *a. e.*	1896	1906	Fresno.		
16	Julius W. Romich, *a. e.*	1895	1907	San Bernardino, 360 Delaware Ave.	San Bernardino, First	R. S. Cunning.
17	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Alpaugh, Tulare Co.		
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	Los Angeles, St. Mark's.	W. H. Ebeling.
19	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	San Francisco, 4175 24th St.	San Francisco, St. Luke's	H. A. Goodwin, *a. e.*
20	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic St.	Long Beach, Trinity	N. C. Christiansen.
21	Michael F. Rinker, *a. e.*	1885	1908	Glendale, 403 Brand Blvd.		
22	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Riverside, 636 15th St.	Riverside, Trinity	J. F. Reimer.
23	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Sacramento, 2005 Yale St.	Sacramento, First	L. N. Kinser, *a. e.*
24	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Salinas, 311 Lincoln Ave.	Salinas, Our Saviour	Myron Hestorff, *a. e.*
25	Henry Wiemken	1901	1911	Los Molinos.		
26	George Philip Goll	1896	1912	Santa Barbara, 1230 Santa Barbara St.	Santa Barbara, Grace	W. N. Grant.
27	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 518 Herkimer St.	Pasadena, Trinity	H. T. Fisher, *a. e.*
28	John R. Braeuer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 2023 Sacramento St.	San Francisco, First	N. N. Fritz, *a. e.*
29	E. F. A. Hantel, *a. e.*	1875	1912	Halsey, Ore.		
30	William C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1891	1912	San Diego, R. R. No. 4, Box 161 P.		
31	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 847 E. Central Ave.	Redlands, First	A. Cornelius.

Synodical Roll.—Concluded.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Name of Delegate.
33	Christian A. Walton, *a.*	1897	1912	Winters.		
34	August Bahr	1899	1913	Sanger	Sanger, St. Paul's	No delegate.
35	Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San José, 450 N. 4th St.		
36	John K. Reed	1890	1913	Phœnix, Ariz.	Phœnix, Grace	C. E. Newcomer, *a. e.*
37	Waldemar Morenz-Oeser	1884	1913	Campbell		
38	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.	Fresno, St. Paul's	August Jungmann.
39	Gustaf A. Hiden, *a. e.*	1893	1913	San Francisco, 2854 25th St.	Swedish-Finnish Ass'n.	
40	Howard C. Stafford[1], *a. e.*	1909	1913	Seattle, Wash., 4417 Evanston Ave.	Seattle, Wash., St. Paul's	Wm. J. Halberstadt, *a. e.*
41	Emil G. Lund, D. D.[2]	1881	1913	Oakland, 659 16th St.	Oakland, First	J. A. Bohn.
42	Elmer H. Combs[3]	1900	1914	Alpaugh, Tulare Co.	Alpaugh, First	J. R. Callister, *a. e.*
43	Gottfried Wenning[2]	1882	1914	Glendale, 450 W. Broadway	Glendale, First	R. E. Bryson, *a. e.*
44	Vacant	....	....		Los Angeles, St. Paul's	A. W. Jumper.

a. Absent. *e.* Excused.
Received from: [1] Neb.; [2] Gen. Council. [3] Rocky Mt.

President's Report

Brethren of the California Synod:

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. As we assemble in this old mission town in our twenty-fourth annual convention, is is with devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for the mercies vouchsafed unto us during another year. All of our congregations have been supplied with the means of grace; our Synod has made progress both material and spiritual, and our nation has been mercifully delivered from the entanglements of destructive warfare. We stand to-day on higher ground, with a firmer faith, a larger hope, and a broader vision.

From our scattered fields of labor, we have assembled to recount the progress of the past, to deliberate on the best policies for the present, and to lay wise plans for the enlarging work of the future.

In accordance with the constitutional provision, I herewith submit a statement of official acts during the year.

A. Ministers

RESIGNATIONS

January 1, 1914, Rev. J. J. Chambers, the organizer and successful pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Alpaugh, retired from the charge of the work at that place.

July 23, 1914, the pulpit of the Christ Lutheran Church, of Alameda, became vacant by the retirement of the Rev. C. A. Walton.

MINISTERS RECEIVED

November 26, 1913, Rev. H. C. Stafford was received as a member of this Synod by letter from the Nebraska Synod.

December 8, 1913, a letter was received from the Pacific Synod transferring Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., to this body.

January 21, 1914, the name of Rev. E. H. Combs was placed upon our synodical roll. He was received by letter from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

January 26, 1914, I received a letter of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, in connection with the General Council, transferring Rev. Gottfried Wenning to the California Synod.

MINISTERS DISMISSED

October 16, 1913, by a letter of honorable dismission, Rev. James A. B. Scherer was transferred to the South Carolina Synod.

On the same date, Rev. J. S. Moser was granted a letter of dismission to the Maryland Synod.

November 12, 1913, Rev. H. R. Pontow applied for and received a letter of dismission to the German Nebraska Synod.

April 27, 1914, Rev. H. M. Leech made a request for a letter of dismission to the Pacific Synod. The request was granted.

CALLS ACCEPTED

October 16, 1913, Rev. H. C. Stafford informed me that he had accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of St. Paul's Mission, Seattle, Wash. He entered upon his duties November 30, 1913.

December 8, 1913, Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., wrote me that he had accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Lutheran Church, Oakland. He began his labors in that field November 1, 1913.

January 9, 1914, a letter from Rev. E. H. Combs notified me that he had taken charge of the Alpaugh congregation under very auspicious circumstances.

January 26, 1914, Rev. Gottfried Wenning informed me that he had received and accepted a call to the Glendale Mission.

MINISTERS INSTALLED

On Sunday morning, November 2, 1913, Rev. John R. Braeuer, Ph.D., was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church, San Francisco, by your President, assisted by Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Rev. Carl Legler was installed pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Fresno, November 16, 1913. Rev. A. Jatho gave the charge to the pastor, Rev. H. Gehrcke to the people, and your President conducted the service of installation, assisted by Rev. H. Rippe and Rev. August Bahr.

January 25, 1914, Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Oakland, Cal. Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. O. H. Gruver addressed the people, and Rev. A. Jatho conducted the installation ceremony.

May 10, 1914, Rev. John K. Reed was installed pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Phœnix, Ariz., by the Synodical Superintendent.

DECEASED MINISTER

On January 7, 1914, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, a member of our California Synod, passed away. The departure of the faithful fellow-helper of the truth should have more than a passing notice, and I have requested Dr. H. J. Weaver and Dr. J. W. Ball to prepare a suitable memorial to be placed upon our minutes.

MINISTER DISCIPLINED

On account of alleged irregularities connected with the work at

Los Molinos, I called the attention of the Northern Conference to the matter. Their action in the case will be duly reported.

B. Congregations

NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED

On Sunday morning, February 22, 1914, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Phœnix, Ariz., was organized with a charter membership of 25, a Ladies' Aid Society of 10 members, and a Sunday school with 34. On March 15, 1914, Rev. John K. Reed, who conducted the preliminary canvass, was elected pastor. This congregation, which is the first General Synod organization in the great State of Arizona, enters upon its work under very auspicious circumstances. This congregation makes formal application for admission to our Synod.

St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles, was organized May 17, with 24 charter members, under the direction of the Synodical Missionary Superintendent. It seeks admission to Synod at this convention.

CHURCH DEDICATION

On November 16, 1913, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Fresno, Cal., was set apart to the worship of God. This congregation was organized in March, 1913. The corner-stone was laid July 29, 1913. The edifice, 40 by 60 feet, has a seating capacity of 350, and cost with furnishings $4700. The type of architecture, which is known as "the suburban," is a mingling of the gothic and the bungalow, and it presents a very neat appearance from without, and within it is cozy and churchly. The following assisted in the dedication, Rev. Carl Legler, Rev. H. H. Rippe, Rev. August Bahr Rev. A. Jatho, Rev. H. Gehrcke and Rev. J. E. Hoick.

C. Miscellaneous

Fraternal Delegate.—On account of the great distance to be traversed and the large expense involved, our Synod did not send a fraternal delegate to the last meeting of the Pacific Synod.

In lieu of a personal representative, I sent a letter to President Bolton, conveying the fraternal feeling of the members of the California Synod to the brethren of the Pacific Synod, at the same time expressing the hope that the exchange of delegates may be continued. Their next meeting will be held in Bethel Lutheran Church, San José.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.—Our next convention will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the California Synod. During this period, the work of our Church has

grown in numbers, contributions and wide-reaching influences. It would seem fitting that this Quarto-Centennial Convention should be made the occasion of special services.

Four Hundredth Anniversary.—October 28 to 31, 1917, will be the occasion of the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Lutherans in all lands will commemorate this event with special meetings, addresses, etc. It will be fitting that we make plans for the observance of this occasion as congregations, communities and as a Synod.

Delegates to the General Synod.—As delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod must be elected at this convention, I desire to call your attention to the revised basis of representation. Hereafter we will be entitled to "one delegate for every ten ministers and for a remaining major fraction of that number, also an equal number of laymen."

As the California Synod has now forty-three members, we must elect four clerical and four lay delegates.

SUMMARY

Four ministers have been received, four have been dismissed, and one has died during the year.

Two new congregations have been organized, a third is in process of formation, and one has ceased to exist.

The net gain in communicant membership has been 301.

The net increase in the total contributions has been $3602.

An increase of $3143 in the local expenses is to be noted during the year.

D. Conclusions

And now, brethren, after this résumé of the work since last convention, I return to you responsibilities reposed in me for your consideration. During the interim, patient, powerful and painstaking efforts have been made by a corps of faithful pastors to advance the interests of our beloved Lutheran Zion on this West Coast; important committees have given consideration to weighty topics, and in many cases they will report decisive action for your approval or rejection. Our synodical field is expanding, our opportunities are increasing, our tasks are multiplying. In our deliberations may personal preferences, plans and policies be brought beneath the directive power of the great Head of the Church, since in this manner only shall true success attend our labors.

E. Recommendations

1. That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for the commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation by the California Synod.

2. That provision be made by a special committee of five for a fitting celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the California Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix A.)

Treasurer's Supplemental Report

EXPENSES

Paid Janitor at Sacramento	$ 10 00
Paid Rev. J. E. Hoick, Delegate to General Synod	32 00
Paid Rev. J. E. Hoick, Postage and Telegram	7 21
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Balance	7 45
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Secretary	25 00
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Traveling Expenses	5 65
Paid Rev. G. H. Hillerman for Printing	11 75
Paid Treasurer's Traveling Expenses to Synod	27 00
Paid Rev. C. F. Oehler for Printing	8 75
Paid Rev. C. F. Oehler for Telegram	1 00
Paid Lutheran Publication Society	150 26
Paid Treasurer's Expenses, Postage, Etc	5 50
Total	$291 37

RECEIPTS

Received for Synodical Treasurer	$291 37

List of Committees

President's Report.—Revs. C. F. Oehler, J. R. Braeuer and Mr. J. F. Reimer.

Conference Reports.—Revs. D. J. Snyder, E. H. Combs and H. H. Rippe.

Excuses.—Revs. G. H. Hillerman, S. W. Young and Mr. N. C. Christiansen.

Traveling Expenses.—Revs. H. C. Funk, G. A. Hiden and Mr. A. Jungmann.

Letters and Papers, Counsel and Reference.—Revs. H. J. Weaver, W. R. Swickard and Mr. H. A. Getz.

Auditing.—Messrs. A. Cornelius, J. A. Bohn and Robert Cunning.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. K. Reed, H. Gehrcke and Mr. A. W. Jumper.

Young People's Societies.—Revs. A. E. Isham, W. E. Crouser and Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

Resolutions.—Revs. O. H. Gruver, C. Legler, and Mr. N. N. Fritz.

Applications of Congregations.—Revs. A. Jatho and E. G. Lund and Mr. W. N. Grant.

Reporters for Church Papers.—Revs. J. J. Chambers, R. W. Mottern and A. Bahr.

Reporter for City Papers.—Rev. H. S. Feix.

Devotional.—Revs. G. P. Goll, J. W. Ball and H. C. Stafford.

Claims.—Revs. N. N. Harter, W. H. Derr and G. Wenning.

Necrological.—Revs. H. J. Weaver and J. W. Ball.

First six rows of pews made bar of Synod.

Hours of sessions fixed from 9 A.M. to noon, and from 2 to 5 P.M.

Printed program adopted.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D.

Adjournment.

Meeting of Ministerium. (See Protocol, page 310.)

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 10, 1914, 2 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard. Roll call, minutes approved.

Program altered for exchange of courtesies between Synod and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. President Hoick greeted the ladies on behalf of the Synod, and responses were made by Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Reimer, Mrs. Snyder and Miss Flathman.

Report of Archivist

Your Archivarius begs to report that all the documents of Synod entrusted to your officer have been carefully guarded and preserved during the twelve months under the roof of the First Church of San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN R. BRAEUER.

Report of Immigration Mission Work

At the meeting of last Synod a committee of five was appointed to labor towards the inauguration of immigration mission work in

San Francisco. This work being very important, calls for our combined attention and effort.

With the completion and opening of the Panama Canal, California will enter into a new era. San Francisco, the Queen of the Pacific, will unquestionably become the rallying place of thousands upon thousands of immigrants, who, attracted by the incomparably glorious climate and the wonderfully inexhaustible resources of the State, will establish a new home in the sunny and much-admired California.

With these thoughts and ideals before them, thousands of good people are making preparations of various kinds for emigrating to California. But one thing of vital importance, both to the immigrant and to the city and State, and a factor that is only too easily and too often forgotten at a harbor city like San Francisco, is the first care of the immigrant. This need can be met by the establishing of an Immigrant and Seamen's Home, where all those who land here and are unacquainted with the land and language will find temporary lodging, friendly sympathy, fatherly counsel and protection against the evils which endanger body and soul.

This, in the true sense of the word, is Inner Mission work, and to cover this phase of church activity is the object of our committee. Truly a noble work which is worthy of generous and hearty support of noble, thinking men.

Immediately after the committee had been named by the President the work was begun. One of the first steps taken was the incorporation under the name, "Lutheran Immigrant and Seamen's Home Association." The following officers were elected: Rev. Herman Gehrcke, President; Rev. G. A. Hiden, Vice-President; Rev. A. Jatho, Secretary; N. N. Fritz, Treasurer; and Rev. H. H. Rippe.

Constitution and by-laws were adopted. Appeals, explaining our work, were sent out, printed in three languages—English, German and Swedish, eight hundred copies of each. Regular meetings were held monthly to devise means and ways of promoting our work. Personal visits have been made by members of the committee to quite a number of private people, business houses, steamship companies and railroads.

We have also secured the co-operation of the Imperial German Consul General, who is in hearty approval with our work. Extensive communications have been taken up with New York and the Inner Mission work in Germany. Visits have been made on incoming vessels and religious papers distributed among the sailors. To enter into detail regarding our work would extend this report unduly.

It must be well remembered that we have been engaged in pioneer work, and that a work of this kind, which we have courageously undertaken, afforded much time, consideration and endurance, and is confronted with great difficulties. With the help of God the most strenuous part of the work was accomplished, and we were just about ready to collect contributions when the unfortunate European war broke out and hindered our plans for the present.

There is no doubt that after the war is over the work which we so encouragingly have undertaken will grow and prosper, but it must be the aim of each and every member of our Synod to do his utmost in promoting this great work—the establishing of an Immigrant and Seamen's Home, as the welfare and growth of our Lutheran Church and Synod on this coast will greatly depend upon the immigration.

Respectfully submitted, HERMAN GEHRCKE,
HERMAN H. RIPPE,
ADOLPH JATHO.

Resolved, That California Synod ask the Board of Home Missions to assist financially in our immigration mission work.

Report of Devotional Committee

Your committee respectfully reports that the following appointments be made to the churches of the city, from which requests have come for pulpit supply:

Methodist Church—Morning, Rev. G. H. Hillerman; evening, Rev. S. W. Young.

Baptist—Morning, Rev. Charles Oehler, D.D.; evening, Rev. J. W. Ball.

Congregational—Morning, Rev. H. C. Funk; vesper service, 4 P.M., Rev. R. W. Mottern.

Christian—Evening, Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.; evening, Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.

St. Mark's and St. Paul's, Los Angeles—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE P. GOLL,
J. W. BALL.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

We recommend the abbreviation of records of Synod for printing.

We further recommend:

In the index of printed minutes that we have the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society minutes marked with a star.

Seventy copies of printed minutes were lost in transit from Philadelphia to San Diego. Our Publication Society gave us credit on bill for the loss.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the Publica-

tion Society for their generous adjustment of the loss of the seventy copies of minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That we adopt as a standing resolution that the proofs of the minutes shall be read and corrected by the Secretary before the printing of the same.

Resolved, That the protocol be used only for recording of such matters as Synod may deem inadvisable to have published; note of which record shall be made in the printed minutes by the words "See Protocol."

Resolved, That the legal records of this Synod shall hereafter be printed copies of its proceedings; which copies shall have been examined and certified to by the Secretary of Synod, of which there shall be five copies to be apportioned, as follows: Two for the Archivist; two for the Secretary; one for the President; which copies shall be bound into volumes, whenever sufficient successive numbers shall have been printed to constitute a volume. And further, that these certified copies shall in no case be the private property of any member who happens to be in office, but shall be the property of the Synod, preserved by successive officers.

Committee would make following inquiries:

1. Page 32, last minutes' report of Advisory Board of Home Missions. What has the Board done to secure a better working basis? Answered in Home Mission report.

2. Page 33, report of Committee on Examination. Has Bro. Dogge done as Synod recommended? And have Bay City pastors done their part? Answer—Young man dropped the work after three months.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. MOTTERN,
JOHN K. REED.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry

Your committee has had before it no candidates for examination during the year. About the time of the spring conferences this work was assigned the members of the committee as follows:

Rev. A. Jatho, the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures and Church History.

Rev. J. W. Romich, Personal Piety, Motives for Seeking the Holy Office, Evidences of Christianity, Natural and Revealed Theology.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Catechetics, Church Government.

Your committee recommends that it be a standing rule of this Synod that the Examining Committee shall make some such division of its work of examination from year to year.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
For the Committee.

Reports received from self-supporting congregations: Sacramento, German; San Francisco, First; Los Angeles, First; Sacramento, First; San Diego, First.

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY SERVICES

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 11, 1914.

Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, addressed by members of Synod.

Morning sermon, by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., "The Witness of Power." Acts 1 : 8.

Evening service in charge of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., MONDAY, OCT. 12, 1914, 9 A.M.

Devotional service, Rev. D. J. Snyder, "A Workman Approved Unto God." 2 Tim. 2 : 14-26.

Roll-call.

Minutes approved.

Report of Committee on State of the Church

Your committee reports as follows:

Reports were received from twenty-eight congregations, with a total communicant membership of 3527, a gain of 364.

Some remarkable skill in the art of surgery is evidenced on the part of pastors in the way they pare down the communicant list. About Easter time there is noticeable expansion, but when reports come to Synod there is a corresponding contraction. This wonderful elasticity makes the actual membership somewhat of a conjecture.

However, 23 congregations report gains, and 5 report losses. The congregation at Los Molinos, we understand, has ceased to exist as a General Synod organization, and their report is not included.

The percentage of attendance in the morning is 82, and that of the evening 50, an increase in the morning and a decrease in the evening over last year.

Fourteen congregations raised their apportionment, 11 of which report an excess. Eleven congregations report a deficit.

The reports reveal a Sunday school enrollment of 2993, an increase of 339. Eight schools report Home Departments, and 11 have Cradle Rolls. Ten schools are graded and 3 partly graded.

Twenty-one Young People's Societies are reported; 14 of which are Christian Endeavor Societies, 4 Luther Leagues and 3 German societies. All are fairly active.

Only 13 congregations have mid-week prayer services regularly; 3 congregations have services part of the time, and 12 have no such meeting at any time.

With reference to the Brotherhoods, last year's report revealed a feebleness among the brethren, and this year records the death of two societies. The state of health of the surviving one has not been indicated.

Six congregations were able to reduce the amount of Home Mission aid, and 13 congregations reduced their indebtedness on church property.

There are 17 Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies reported, all active. All the congregations, with the exception of 4, have active Ladies' Aid Societies.

In answer to the question of family devotions, only three pastors were able to say anything definite. One reports 30 per cent, another 10, and the third 6. The others said they did not know, or left the question unanswered.

There are 6 prospective students for the ministry, and 2 ladies who are contemplating deaconess work.

Under the discouraging features, the usual list of hindrances are given, which may be summed up in the words, "the world, the flesh and the devil." The encouragements seem to be, the loyalty of the interested, enlarged opportunities for work, and reliance upon the promises of God.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. DERR,
N. N. HARTER.

Report of the Advisory Home Mission Committee and the Missionary Superintendent

Pursuant to a resolution of the committee, this joint report is submitted.

Your committee held twelve regular and three special meetings during the year, and has been in constant correspondence and consultation with the Associated Home Mission Committee for Southern California. The expenses attendant upon these meetings, together with the Missionary Superintendent's traveling expenses for the year, are as follows: Rev. Hoick, $19.45; Rev. Oehler, $9; Rev. Crouser, $78.95; Rev. Ball, $2.25; Rev. Weaver, $2.25; Rev.

Braeuer, for record book, $2.25; Glendale Mission, $25; Boyle Heights Mission, $20. Total expenses, $160.35.

Three matters were referred to this committee by the last convention, viz.: 1. St. Michael's congregation. (See minutes 1913, page 36.)

Your committee met the representatives of this congregation and extended a cordial invitation to them to join our Synod, promising them aid in the support of their pastor. After several months, your committee was notified that the congregation had made application for admission into the Pacific Synod of the General Council.

2. Swedish-Finnish Association of San Francisco. (Page 38.)

Rev. G. A. Hiden appeared before your committee in the interest of the aforesaid Association, and asked that the Association be admitted to membership in the California Synod, but no action was taken by the committee.

3. Basis of co-operation with the Home Mission Board. (Page 32.)

Your committee has in its possession the printed platform which the Home Mission Board has adopted as the basis of its co-operation with the districts Synods, which we have been trying to follow.

Twenty-one missions in this Synod have received aid from the Home Mission Board during the year, at an approximate expenditure of $13,000. Eight of these have reduced their appropriations, aggregating $1020. The appropriations to two missions have been increased, and a new appropriation granted, making the actual decrease but $20.

Your attention is directed to a statement of conditions in the individual missions, in the chronological order in which they were received on the funds of the Board. The comparisons are made on the reports of last year, and the benevolence designates the amounts that passed through the regular benevolences of the Synod.

First, Oakland, 1890.—Communicants, 78; increase, 14. Accessions, 33. Benevolence, $171; decrease, $29. Home Missions, $56. Total contributions, $2516; increase, $394. Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., assumed charge November 1, 1913. $720 paid on the debt during the year. Appropriation from Board, $900.

Grace, San José, 1892.—Communicants, 90; increase, 8. Accessions, 20. Benevolence, $185; decrease, $77. Home Missions, $40. Total contributions, $1077; decrease, $740. Reduction in the appropriation, $50. Appropriation, $500.

Christ, Alameda, 1893.—Communicants, 50; decrease, 12. Accessions, 12. Benevolence, $70; increase, 44. Home Missions, $37. Total contributions, $1589; increase, $463. Rev. Walton retired in

July; Rev. O. H. Gruver has been the regular supply since August 1. $500 paid on debt. Appropriation, $360.

Trinity, Riverside, 1893.—Communicants, 80; increase, 5. Accessions, 20. Benevolence, $240; decrease, $9. Home Missions, $66. Total contributions, $1356; decrease, $25. Appropriation, $350.

First, Redlands, 1901.—Communicants, 54; same as last year. Accessions, 4. Benevolence, $164; decrease, $10. Home Missions, $47. Total contributions, $936; decrease, $268. Appropriation, $600.

Grace, Santa Barbara, 1902.—Communicants, 60; increase, 12. Accessions, 17. Benevolence, $143; increase, $22. Home Missions, $48. Total contributions, $1568; increase, $83. Reduction of $50 in appropriation. Appropriation, $650.

St. Andrew's, San Francisco, 1903.—Communicants, 75; increase, 5. Accessions, 7. Benevolence, $130; decrease, $43. Home Missions, $29. Total contributions, $1649; decrease, $327. Reduction of $100 in appropriation. $300 paid on debt. Appropriation, $200.

Wartburg, Fresno, 1904.—Communicants, 436; increase, 58. Accessions, 81. Benevolence, $84; decrease, $37. Home Missions, $33. Total contributions, $1386; decrease, $173. Reduction of $200 in appropriation. Appropriation, $200. Built choir gallery.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles, 1904.—Communicants, 101; increase, 21. Accessions, 28. Benevolence, $247; increase, $56. Home Missions, $70. Total contributions, $2178; increase, $451. Paid on debt, $598. Appropriation, $825.

Trinity, Pasadena, 1906.—Communicants, 80; decrease, 2. Accessions, 14. Benevolence, $270; increase, $83. Home Missions, $71. Total contributions, $1734; increase, $196. Reduction of $50 in appropriation; new carpet, interior tinted, new choir loft and furnishing. Appropriation, $500.

Our Saviour, Salinas, 1906.—Communicants, 40; increase, 1. Accessions, 6. Benevolence, $84; increase, $14. Home Missions, $33. Total contributions, $630; increase, $15. $100 paid on debt. Appropriation, $400.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco, 1906.—Communicants, 131; increase, 17. Accessions, 21. Benevolence, $250; increase, $1. Home Missions, $60. Total contributions, $4103; decrease, $856. Reduction of $70 in appropriation. Paid on debt, $1048. Appropriation, $350.

Trinity, Long Beach, 1907.—Communicants, 94; increase, 24. Accessions, 30. Benevolence, $230; increase, $50. Home Missions, $77. Total contributions, $2399; increase, $1127. $975 paid on debt. Church painted, new baptismal font. Appropriation, $600.

First, San Bernardino, 1907.—Communicants, 103; increase, 1. Accessions, 15. Benevolence, $273; increase, $12. Home Missions,

$89. Total contributions, $1209; increase, $132. Appropriation increased $100. Appropriation, $600.

First, Alpaugh, 1908.—Communicants, 81; increase, 14. Accessions, 22. Benevolence, $179; increase, $54. Home Missions, $68. Total contributions, $1498; decrease, $325. Reduction of $100 in appropriation. Three lots secured for a parsonage. Bell bought. Rev. E. H. Combs assumed charge December 1. Appropriation, $300.

St. Paul's, Sanger, 1908.—Communicants, 128; increase, 32. Accessions, 43. Benevolence, $52; increase, $22. Home Missions, $26. Total contributions, $522; increase, $83. Appropriation, $400.

St. Paul's, Seattle, Wash., 1911.—Communicants, 43; increase, 10. Accessions, 19. Benevolence, $66; increase, $34. Home Missions, $15. Total contributions, $3389; increase, $1541. Paid on debt, $2300. Reduction in appropriation, $400. New church under construction. Rev. H. C. Stafford assumed charge December 1. Appropriation, $1100.

First, Glendale, 1912.—Communicants, 18; increase, 1. Accessions, 2. Benevolence, $49; increase, $30. Home Missions, $15. Total contributions, $944; increase $195. $475 paid on debt. Rev. G. Wenning assumed charge January 1. Appropriation, $600.

St. Luke's, San Francisco, 1913.—Communicants, 24; increase, 4. Accessions, 17. Benevolence, $43; decrease, $25. Home Missions, $17. Total contributions, $875; increase, $462. Church wired for electricity; new organ bought. Appropriation, $900.

St. Paul's, Fresno, 1913.—Communicants, 178; increase, 5. Accessions, 31. Benevolence, $18; increase, $18. Home Missions, $18. Total contributions, $1122; increase, $426. New church dedicated. Committee rendered financial aid to congregation. Appropriation, $400.

Grace, Phœnix, Ariz.—Communicants, 37; increase, 37. Accessions, 37. Benevolence, $16; increase, $16. Home Missions, $6. Total contributions, $346; increase, $346. Rev. J. K. Reed was commissioned to this mission in February. An organization was effected the same month, with 25 members. The prospects are bright. Appropriation, $600.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles.—Early in the year a canvass was made of that section of Los Angeles known as Boyle Heights, under the direction of the Associate Home Mission Committee for Southern California, and on March 15, a service was held under the auspices of a committee from the First Church. Regular services have been held since then by the Superintendent, and on May 17 an organization was formed and named St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Church. An option has been secured on the Euclid

Heights M. E. Church property, corner of Euclid Avenue and Eagle Street, where the services are held. The charter membership is 24. It is hoped that a pastor will soon be on the field. The total contributions are $255, and $10 for benevolence.

Bay View, San Francisco.—In February the Superintendent visited this field and secured the Memorial Presbyterian Church for services. Since then Rev. S. W. Young has held regular services every Sunday. A Sunday school of 88 is now enrolled, and about 30 persons found who are willing to become the charter members of a Lutheran organization.

Berkeley.—The mission field in Berkeley is yet open to our Synod, and deserves the careful consideration of both the Board of Home Missions and the Advisory Home Mission Committee.

SUMMARY

Total accessions	503
Communicants	2005
Gain in communicants	279
Benevolence	$2981
Home Missions	931
Gain in benevolence	390
Total contributions	33,334
Gain in total contributions	3455

Number of miles traveled by the Superintendent, including only steam cars, 30,605. Sermons preached, 99.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.
Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Adjournment.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA CAL., OCT. 12, 1914, 2 P.M.

Prayer by Mr. H. A. Getz.

Roll-call.

Minutes approved.

Rev. W. R. Morenz-Oeser excused from reading doctrinal paper.

Report of Statistical Secretary

The Statistical Secretary has received parochial reports from 28 congregations of Synod. These have been tabulated, and are

herewith presented. They show an increase over last year along nearly all the most important items:

Communicants	gain 11 per cent.
Church property	gain 1 per cent.
Sunday school scholars	gain 9 per cent.
Benevolence	gain 10 per cent.
Home Missions	gain 16 per cent.
Grand total	gain 6 per cent.

(See Appendix C.)

We recommend that the apportionment on communicant membership for this year be the same as last, namely, $2.20 per capita, to be divided as follows:

General Synod	$0.05
Synodical Treasury	.10
Home Missions	.37
Foreign Missions	.32
Church Extension	.26
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.10
Pastors' Fund	.10
Deaconess Board	.10
Home for the Aged	.05
Tabitha Home	.05
California Home Missions	.50
	$2.20

(See Appendix B.)

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report of Committee on Applications of New Congregations

Your Committee on Applications of New Congregations submits the following report:

Two applications are in the hands of your committee for admission into Synod, one from St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles, and the other from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Phœnix, Ariz. Since the constitutions of both of these congregations are in harmony with the constitution of the General Synod, we recommend that the applications be granted.

Respectfully submitted, ADOLPH JATHO,
E. G. LUND,
W. W. GRANT.

Report of Committee on Claims

The following bills have been presented to your committee. We have examined the same and recommend that they be allowed:

Rev. Hillerman (programs for this Convention)	$7 00
Rev. Hoick (postage, stationery, etc.)	6 44
Total	$13 44

Respectfully submitted,

N. N. HARTER,
W. H. DERR,
G. WENNING.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we checked the accounts of the Treasurer and found same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CORNELIUS,
R. S. CUNNING,
J. A. BOHN.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee on the President's Report begs to submit that the report is carefully written, and recommends that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. OEHLER,
JOHN R. BRAEUER,
J. F. REIMER.

Adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURNED SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, OCT. 12, 4.30 P.M.

Rev. Goll extended an invitation for an automobile ride on Tuesday, from 2 to 4 P.M. Accepted with thanks.

On motion, an adjourned session was called to meet after the evening service.

Reports of missions: Oakland, San José, Alameda, Riverside, Redlands, St. Andrew's, San Francisco, Wartburg, Fresno, St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Salinas.

Report of Committee of Whole. (Protocol, page 310.)
Prayer by Dr. P. S. Leisenring.
Adjournment.

THIRD EVENING SERVICE

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 12, 1914, 7.30 P.M.

Address by Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., "Has the Lutheran Church a Propaganda in California?"

ADJOURNED SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 12, 9 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. N. N. Harter. Roll-call.
Report of Committee on Letters and Papers received. (See minutes for Wednesday.)

Report of Committee on Traveling Expenses of Pastors

Your committee begs leave to report the total traveling expenses as $223.65. The expense per capita, $9.73.

We recommend that Bros. Romich and Stafford be excused from participating in this expense.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. FUNI
AUGUST JUNGMANN.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler.
Adjournment.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 1914, 9 A.M.

Devotional service, Rev. D. J. Snyder, "The Character and Purpose of the Scriptures," 2 Tim. 3.

Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Rev. George A. Blair, of Mount Hermon Assembly, was introduced and made an advisory member.

On motion,

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns this morning, it does so to meet again at 1 P.M.

Report of Committee on Division of Synod

Your Committee on Division of Synod begs to report that while there are some reasons for such a measure, yet in our judgment the time for a division has not yet arrived.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. OEHLER,
O. H. GRUVER,
A. E. ISHAM,
J. W. BALL.

Reports from missions: Bay View, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, St. Matthew's, San Francisco; Long Beach, San Bernardino, Alpaugh, Sanger, Seattle, Glendale.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Chambers in behalf of Rev. J. W. Romich and wife. On motion, Synod, through Rev. D. J. Snyder, sent a message of sympathy to Bro. Romich.

On motion, the next Home Mission Advisory Committee is instructed to foster German extension work in California Synod by meeting the necessary expenses for preliminary work.

Resolved, That the request of the congregation at Glendale for a portable chapel be referred to the Advisory Home Mission Committee, and, if approved by it, that the pastor of the Glendale Church and the Missionary Superintendent be granted the privilege of soliciting funds in the Synod for the purchase of such a chapel.

Prayer by Rev. A. E. Isham.

Adjournment.

ADJOURNED SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 13, 1914, 1 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard. Roll-call.

On motion, Rev. George A. Blair, D.D., was given the floor to present the work of the Mount Hermon Association.

On motion, place of next convention was made the special order of business.

Dr. Blair invited Synod to hold its Twenty-fifth Convention at Mount Hermon, offering a special rate of $1.25 a day for entertainment. Invitation also received from the Committee of the Panama-Pacific Exposition to meet in San Francisco.

The first invitation was accepted.

Prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.

Adjournment.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 13, 1914, 4 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. O. H. Gruver. Roll-call.

Minutes approved.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

Statistics show gains as follows in the work of Young People's Societies:

Twenty-nine societies report; a gain of 1 society, or 3½ per cent; a gain of 146 members, or 27 per cent. Contributions for local objects, gain $3, or .003 per cent. Contributions for benevolence, loss $180, or .30 per cent.

The item of benevolence needs explanation. In the report for 1913 the Young People's Society of the First Church, Los Angeles, reported $384 for benevolence. This amount included about $270 for an automobile to be later given to Dr. Kugler, of India. By deducting this item there is shown an actual gain of about 21 per cent in benevolence over 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. ISHAM,
W. E. CROUSER,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report of Sunday School Committee

Your committee reports that there has been an advance in most departments of Sunday school work, although there is still much to be desired. In two things there has been a decrease. As the Sunday school is regarded as the most important branch of church work, we should give it our very earnest efforts.

The number of schools is 28, an increase of 2 over last year. The number of officers and teachers enrolled is 333, an increase of 4; number of scholars, 2924, an increase of 270; teacher-training students, 41, an increase of 13. The two following things show a falling behind: Number in the home department, 157; a decrease of 35; enrollment in the cradle roll, 204, a decrease of 27.

There is a gain in contributions, especially in benevolence, which is encouraging. For support of school and local objects, $3670 has been raised, an increase of $50; for benevolence, $1282, a gain of $237.

The difference between the number of baptized members in our parochial report and the number of Sunday school scholars is too great. There are 4447 baptized members not attending Sunday school, which number is more than one and one-half the number in attendance, being 2924. This shows that there is a large field for Sunday school work inside of our own denomination. The fact is that too many of the adult church members do not attend our Sunday schools. Since teaching is so important in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, we should more earnestly labor to build up our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. REED,
ALPHA W. JUMPER,
HERMAN GEHRCKE.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

Your committee is glad to report that there are three students from this Synod who are attending college preparing themselves for the work of the ministry. Bro. Paul Swickard, of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco, has entered Wittenberg College. Bro. Charles Schreiner, of St. Andrew's Church, San Francisco, is attending Martin Luther Seminary, at Lincoln, Neb. Bro. Fred C. Maurer has continued his studies at Midland College, Atchison, Kan. Bro. Maurer is taking a full course in the college. This action has the hearty approval of Dr. Dysinger, the Dean of the Seminary, who reports our student as doing careful, conscientious work.

RECOMMENDATION

Brother Maurer received $150 from this Synod for support during the past year, and has made request for the same amount for this collegiate year. The committee recommends that this allowance be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. FUNK,
W. R. SWICKARD,
AUGUST BAHR.

Interests of Board of Education presented by Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.

Prayer for the people of the nations engaged in war and for peace offered by Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., Rev. D. J. Snyder and Mr. H. A. Getz.

Adjournment.

FOURTH EVENING SERVICE

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 13, 1914, 7.30 P.M.

Sermon by Rev. George H. Hillerman, "For me to live is Christ," Phil. 1 : 21.

After the service stereopticon slides of Mount Hermon were shown by Dr. Blair.

SEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 1914, 9 A.M.

Devotional service, Rev. D. J. Snyder, "The Final Charge," 2 Tim. 4.

Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Elections—Tellers: Messrs. H. A. Getz, A. W. Jumper and J. F. Reimer. (For results, see Directory, pages 3 and 4.)

Interests of Deaconess Board presented by Rev. A. E. Isham; of Foreign Mission Board by Rev. John K. Reed.

Mission reports—Phœnix, St. Paul's, Fresno; St. Paul's, Los Angeles.

Resolved, That Synod respectfully ask the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to assume $25 of the expense of printing last year's minutes, if this meets with their approval.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses

Your committee recommends that the following brethren be excused from attendance on this convention of Synod: Revs. W. S.

Hoskinson, William Brandes, J. Gutleben, J. C. Pedersen, W. J. Roehmer, J. W. Romich, M. F. Rinker, E. F. A. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart, H. C. Stafford and G. A. Hiden, and every absent layman.

The following brethren are absent without excuse: Revs. L. C. Routzahn and C. A. Walton.

The following have been excused from closing sessions of the convention: Revs. C. F. Oehler, J. W. Ball and G. Wenning, and Mr. W. H. Ebeling.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
S. W. YOUNG,
N. C. CHRISTIANSEN.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences

Your committee, having examined the minutes of both Conferences, finds:

I. A report of a special committee of the Southern Conference suggesting amendments to the Constitution, as follows:

1. To Art. IV, Sec. 1. The addition of the words, "a Superintendent of Missions."

2. Art. IV, Sec. 2. The words "except the Superintendent of Missions," so as to read, "the officers except the Superintendent of Missions."

To Art. IV. A fourth section, which shall read, "The Superintendent of Missions shall be elected by ballot, and such election constitute a call similar in duration to that of pastor."

II. To Art. V. A section to be numbered Sec. 6, which shall read as follows:

Superintendent of Missions.—He shall have charge of vacant congregations, shall serve them as required and with the aid and advice of the Home Mission Advisory Board of the Synod shall endeavor to find suitable pastors. He shall canvass new fields, as directed by the Advisory Board of Home Missions, and seek in every way to bring the missions to self-support. He shall report monthly to the Advisory Board of Home Missions of the Synod, and his annual report shall be incorporated in the report of the said Advisory Board to the convention of Synod.

To Art. V. The change of enumeration of Secs. 6 and 7, so as to read Sec. 7 and Sec. 8 respectively.

III. We recommend the insertion of an article to be known as "Art. VIII. Conferences," and that the succeeding articles be numbered in consecutive order accordingly. The proposed "Art. VIII. Conferences," reads as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. CONFERENCES

Sec. 1. The ministers and congregations of the Synod shall be

divided into a Northern and Southern Conference, separated by the northern boundary line of San Louis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties. To these may be added a third, or German Conference, when the German ministers and congregations of the Synod shall so elect, subject to the approval of the Synod.

Sec. 2. The Conferences shall give attention to the local interests of the congregations belonging to them, and to the larger interest of the Church within their respective territories.

(1) They shall assist in carrying into effect the decisions of the Synod.

(2) They shall examine cases of discipline and appeals from the decisions of congregations and church councils, and report their findings to Synod.

(3) They shall give attention to important doctrinal and practical discussions and to the preaching of the word of God.

(4) They shall look after the Home Mission interests in their respective territories.

(5) They shall attend to such other duties as are committed to them by the Synod, or by the congregations when these do not conflict with the work specifically committed to the Synod itself.

Sec. 3. Each Conference shall meet at least once a year. Special sessions may be called by the President of the Synod, the President of the Conference, or as the Conference itself may determine.

Lay delegates shall be sent to Conference under the same regulations and with the same privileges as to meetings of the Synod.

Sec. 4. The records and proceedings of Conferences, of their officers and committees, shall be submitted to Synod for examination and review. To this end they should be placed in the hands of the President of the respective Conferences at least four weeks in advance of the meeting of Synod, to be referred by him to the proper committee of Synod.

Sec. 5. Each Conference shall provide for the appointment of a committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, which committee shall have charge of the extension of the work of the Church in its own territory, in connection with the Advisory Home Mission Board of the Synod.

IV. We recommend that the first and second sections of Art. XII., Standing Committees, be revised to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The standing committees of the Synod, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, or by action of the Synod, shall be appointed by the President after each annual convention. So far as possible there shall be lay representation in each committee, and Committee No. 6 shall consist entirely of laymen. Committee No. 3, however, shall consist entirely of clergymen.

These standing committees, each of which, except Committee No. 1, shall consist of three members, shall be the following:

1. The Advisory Board of Home Missions.
2. Ministerial Education.
3. Examination, Licensure and Ordination.
4. State of the Church.
5. Minutes of Synod.
6. Lutheran Brotherhoods.
7. Executive.

Sec. 2. The Advisory Board of Home Missions shall consist of six members, elected by the Synod, three from the Northern and three from the Southern Conferences of the Synod, in addition to the President of Synod, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the committee and chairman, and the Superintendent of Missions, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the committee and its secretary. Upon the adoption of this amendment the Synod shall elect one member from each section to serve one year, one member to serve two years, and one member from each section to serve three years. Thereafter one member from each section of the Synod shall be elected annually for a term of three years. This committee shall exercise a general supervision over the extension of the Church within the bounds of the Synod, prosecuting the work with the advice and assistance of the General Board of Home Missions and the Home Mission Committees of the Conferences; it shall direct the work of Superintendent of Missions, and to it the Superintendent of Missions shall render a monthly report; it shall likewise pass upon matters and questions submitted to it by the similar committees of the Conferences.

Then shall follow: "All missions located," etc., page 9 of Constitution.

This notice of amendment to the Constitution is recommended for consideration a year hence.

Northern Conference

Recommendation for action: That the Northern Conference of the California Synod recommend to the Synod the appointment of electors of a common reference or counsel to submit an order for the transaction of business in Synod.

Another matter (see minutes of session, May 14, 1914, 2 P.M.) was referred to Synod. The same has been disposed of by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. SNYDER,
E. H. COMBS,
H. H. RIPPE.

Report of the Directors of California Educational Institution

Your Board, to whom was committed the care of the proposed Theological Seminary, offers the following recommendations: That the Board be authorized and instructed to begin at once the necessary plans for the opening of a Theological Seminary in the autumn of 1915, on the following conditions:

1. That the location be Berkeley.
2. That a faculty of four men be called by the Board in the near future, so that they may qualify themselves for the work.
3. That suitable quarters near the University be rented, at a cost not to exceed $100 a month, until a permament location is purchased.
4. That the University of California be used to supply such teaching as the Board may determine.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER, *President.*
O. H. GRUVER, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee on Temperance

Great interest is manifest at present in the cause of temperance. Daily our attention is called to the issues to be decided at the November election.

We, as a Synod, are anxious to help advance the best interests of our State. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage our people to vote *yes* for amendments No. 2, No. 39, No. 4 and No. 20, and to vote *no* on No. 47.

Resolved, That Synod hereby elects Bro. R. H. Young Director of Anti-Saloon League from our Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. CHAMBERS,
S. W. YOUNG.

Report of Committee on California, 1915

The trustees of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, have unanimously consented to place the use of the entire lower floor of the church, consisting of large reception rooms, library, parlors, dressing-rooms, etc., gratuitously at the disposal of the committee. A stenographer and typist has been secured to attend to the correspondence and has entered upon his duties. A manager will have regular office hours at our headquarters. The work of computing a list of hotels, rooms, cafeterias, restaurants and lunch-rooms which we can recommend to our visitors is progressing nicely. As we have lost two members from this committee during the year we would respectfully ask for the appointment of others to take their places. The Southern Committee arranged for and published articles in the church papers on the Fair in San

Diego. Arrangements will be made for an information bureau and all matters of concern to visiting Lutherans.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. FEIX, *President.*
JOHN R. BRAEUER, *Secretary.*

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Funk.

Recess taken to 1 P.M.

ADJOURNED SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCT. 14, 1914, 1 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

(Received at different sessions.)

Your committee recommends the following:

1. That communications from the Lutheran Home for the Aged, Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement, *Lutheran Church Work,* and Dr. G. L. Tufts, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

2. That letters from the Secretaries of the following Boards, viz., Foreign Missions, Education and Deaconess, be presented to Synod respectively by the following brethren: Revs. J. K. Reed, H. J. Weaver and J. W. Ball.

3. That communications from Dr. Waltz be referred to the Brotherhood Committee, and letter from Rev. J. C. Pedersen be referred to the Committee on Excuses.

4. That an engrossed invitation from Director of Congresses of Panama-Pacific Exposition be referred to the consideration of Synod under head "Time and Place for Next Meeting."

5. Your committee is in receipt of a request to Synod from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fresno, for help in liquidating a debt of $540 against their church property.

In view of the facts that our Missionary Superintendent has secured a loan of $1500 from Bro. J. A. Bohn advanced for the Board of Church Extension, and also, after much difficulty, a first mortgage loan of $1500 for this congregation, and that individual members of the Advisory Home Mission Committee have borrowed $500 and signed a note for the same; and, in addition to all this assistance rendered, our Missionary Superintendent conditionally agreed to further help the pastor and officers of St. Paul's Church, Fresno, to the extent of one-half of $630, of which he has paid over $100 in cash.

We recommend that Pastor Legler and his people raise within sixty days their half, namely, $315, in payment of which sum we, the Synod of California, in order to make good the word of Superintendent Crouser, agree to raise and pay $225, being last payment of said debt of $630.

6. In response to a request, we recommend that the following names of Lutheran ministers, living in large cities, be printed in our minutes, to whom the names and addresses of Lutherans moving into those cities should be sent.

Directory and Bureau of Information

DIRECTORY AND BUREAU OF INFORMATION

Albany, N. Y.—Rev. C. W. Leitzell, D.D., 9 Lodge Street.
Altoona, Pa.—Rev. M. J. Cline, D.D., 1407 Twelfth Avenue.
Baltimore, Md.—Rev. H. Manken, 808 W. Thirty-sixth Street.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Rev. G. B. Young, D.D., 490 Third Street.
Chicago, Ill.—Rev. D. A. Davy, 13555 Balmoral Avenue.
Cincinnati, Ohio—Rev. C. S. Bauslin, 2656 Stanton Avenue.
Cleveland, Ohio—Rev. O. F. Weaver, 2184 W. Ninety-fifth Street.
Dayton, Ohio—Rev. W. M. Hackenberg, 252 Shaw Avenue.
Denver, Col.—Rev. J. E. Hummon, 2209 California Street.
Des Moines, Iowa—Rev. A. B. Leamer, 1110 Twenty-first Street.
Detroit, Mich.—Rev. A. Homrighaus, 130 Toledo Avenue.
Fort Wayne, Ind.—Rev. H. C. Hadley, 1109 Webster Street.
Hagerstown, Md.—Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D.
Harrisburg, Pa.—Rev. S. W. Herman, 107 Locust Street.
Indianapolis, Ind.—Rev. A. E. Renn, 112 E. Walnut Street.
Jersey City, N. J.—Rev. J. H. Meyer, 25 Clendenny Avenue.
Kansas City, Mo.—Rev. George Beiswanger, 524 Quincy Avenue.
Los Angeles, Cal.—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., 1175 W. Thirty-seventh Street.
Louisville, Ky.—Rev. H. K. Fenner, D.D., 2401 W. Jefferson Street.
Mansfield, Ohio—Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., 30 Park Avenue, West.
Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. J. F. F. Kayhoe, 920 Buchanan Street.
New York, N. Y.—Rev. William Freas, Jr., 1053 Trinity Avenue.
Omaha, Neb.—Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., Twenty-sixth and Farnum Streets.
Philadelphia, Pa.—Rev. S. D. Daugherty, 1424 Arch Street.
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Rev. J. E. Bittle, First National Building.
Richmond, Ind.—Rev. C. Huber, D.D., 333 S. Seventh Street.
Sacramento, Cal.—Rev. H. C. Funk, 2005 Yale Street.
San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., 2023 Sacramento Street.
Springfield, Ohio—Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D., 479 Park Place.

St. Louis, Mo.—Rev. J. Kent Rizer, 4572 Dencan Avenue.
Syracuse, N. Y.—Rev. H. G. Dattan, D.D., 804 McBride Street.
Troy, N. Y.—Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer, D.D., 114 Sixth Avenue.
Washington, D. C.—Rev. Henry Anstadt, 1710 P Street, N. W.
Wheeling, W. Va.—Rev. W. S. Dysinger, 1518 Jacob Street.
Williamsport, Pa.—Rev. C. G. Biklé, 334 William Street.
York, Pa.—Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., 218 E. Market Street.
San Diego, Cal.—Rev. G. H. Hillerman, 1140 Twenty-first Street.
Oakland, Cal.—Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., Sixteenth and Grove Streets.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
W. R. SWICKARD,
H. A. GETZ.

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be authorized to raise the $225 promised St. Paul's Church, Fresno, the same to be paid through the Synodical Treasurer whenever said congregation shall have raised its share.

Following amounts raised on floor of Synod: Los Angeles, First, $25; San Diego, First, $25; Santa Barbara, $15; Riverside, $15; Long Beach, $15; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $10; Redlands, $10; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, $10; Fresno, Wartburg, $10; James Popert, $10; H. S. Feix, $10; San Francisco, St. Luke's, $5; Alpaugh, $5. Total, $165.

Resolved, That Revs. H. S. Feix and G. H. Hillerman be directed to prepare and send to St. Paul's Church, Fresno, German and English copies of the action of Synod relative to their request.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, greatly appreciate the splendid entertainment given us by the pastor, congregation and people of Santa Barbara. We rejoice in the successes of Grace Lutheran Church; we are grateful for the services of the choir, officers and janitor of the church during the meeting of Synod; we ask that this resolution be presented to the congregation by the President.

Resolved, That we commend *Lutheran Church Work* to all our congregations for their use, and that the pastors earnestly strive to place a church paper in each family of our Synod, and that an official representative be appointed for the paper within our Synod.

Resolved, That the congregations of our Synod be asked to forward their benevolent contributions to the Treasurer of Synod monthly that he may forward the same to the different Boards in monthly installments.

Resolved, That the appeal of the Board of Education for the

Breklum Theological Seminary Relief Fund be commended to our congregations and pastors as a worthy object of their gifts and prayers.

Resolved, That we pledge anew our loyal support to the respective general Boards of the Church, and that we appreciate especially the greetings of the Board of Education, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Deaconess Board.

Resolved, That $25 be paid to the Recording Secretary for his services throughout the year, and that $5 be paid to the janitor of this church for services rendered at this session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report of Necrological Committee

Once more we regretfully record the passing of one of our honored and beloved brothers in the gospel ministry, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, M.D., in the seventy-first year of his earthly pilgrimage, who entered into rest on January 7, 1914. For forty and eight years this man of God has ministered in things pertaining to the extension of the kingdom of God on earth. He served as pastor of churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, and, as supply, in nearly all our churches in Southern California.

Dr. Kunkelman was a man of deep piety, large sympathies and broad culture. He was a Lutheran of the conservative type, an able preacher of the word of God, a faithful counselor and a loyal friend.

We hereby extend our sympathy as a Synod to the bereaved sons and daughters and to all friends to whom our brother's departure brought sorrow.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. W. BALL.

On motion, 800 copies of minutes were ordered printed and distributed.

On motion, By-laws were amended to allow for four full days of business.

Minutes approved.

Closing remarks by retiring President, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Prayer by the new President, Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Synod adjourned.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. Leisenring, *Treasurer, in Account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, September 15, 1913, to September 15, 1914.*

Churches.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Nachusa Home.	Grand Totals.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance	.....	$96 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	$125 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	$190 18	.....	$412 16	.....	.....
W. H. and F. M. S.	.....	38 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 65	.....	.....
Alameda, 81	$3 00	3 00	$18 00	$10 00	$8 00	$5 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	70 00	.....	$65 00
Alpaugh, 93	3 00	7 00	29 65	17 00	17 00	9 50	7 00	$7 00	$7 00	$3 00	$3 00	34 00	.....	144 15	$4 65	7 50
Fresno, Wartburg, 59	.....	10 00	32 78	5 00	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	.....	88 78	.....	744 22
Fresno, St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	381 00
Glendale, 65	2 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	7 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	9 00	.....	49 00	11 00	.....
Long Beach, 77	4 00	7 00	42 00	22 00	18 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	4 00	35 00	$20 00	191 00	16 00	.....
Los Angeles, First, 103	20 00	40 00	148 00	143 00	102 00	85 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	200 00	.....	898 00	20 00	.....
Los Angeles, St. Mark's, 63	4 00	8 00	30 00	26 00	21 00	21 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	40 00	.....	182 00	5 00	.....
Oakland, 58	3 00	6 00	124 00	20 00	17 00	113 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	32 00	.....	339 00	200 00	.....
Pasadena, 95	4 00	8 00	30 00	26 00	21 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	38 00	41 00	.....	212 00	34 00	.....
Redlands, 91	3 00	5 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	27 00	.....	118 00	.....	.....
Riverside, 75	4 00	8 00	33 00	24 00	20 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	38 00	5 00	179 00	5 00	.....
Sacramento, First, 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	155 00
Sacramento, German, 101	16 00	32 00	80 00	75 00	42 00	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	116 50	.....	391 50	.....	305 50
Salinas, 99	2 00	4 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 50	19 00	.....	84 50	50	.....
San Bernardino, 89	5 00	10 00	38 00	33 00	27 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	51 00	.....	224 00	.....	.....
San Diego, 61	7 00	13 00	48 00	67 00	34 00	26 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	7 00	10 00	65 00	.....	316 00	28 00	.....
San Francisco, First, 110	2 00	3 00	44 00	5 00	26 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	107 00	.....	156 00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's, 85	4 00	7 00	26 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	76 00	.....	79 00
San Francisco, St. Luke's, 83	1 00	2 00	7 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	.....	43 00	.....	.....
San Francisco, St. Matthew's, 97	6 00	11 00	52 00	36 00	30 00	23 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	6 00	6 00	8 00	.....	211 00	10 00	49 00
Sanger, 73	2 00	3 00	27 65	4 00	5 00	4 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	4 60	.....	56 25	.....	157 75
San José, 67	2 00	4 00	30 00	26 00	21 00	16 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	.....	125 00	.....	53 00
Santa Barbara, 79	2 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	24 00	.....	107 00	2 00	.....
Seattle, 87	2 00	3 00	15 00	11 00	10 00	12 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	17 00	.....	83 00	9 00	.....
Rev. Harter and wife, 114	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	.....	.....	20 10	.....	.....
Rev. Reed and Phœnix, 115	.....	.....	8 00	.....	7 50	1 75	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	29 25	.....	.....
St. Paul's, Los Angeles, 116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
Rev. Rinker, 114	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Amount received	101 00	336 69	923 08	625 00	495 50	446 25	305 44	155 00	152 00	78 00	129 60	1033 28	25 00	4805 84	.....	.....
Amount remitted	101 00	301 57	824 83	625 00	495 50	446 25	301 00	145 00	146 00	75 00	126 60	965 28	25 00	4805 84	.....	.....

Churches.	Communicant Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Totals.
Alameda, Christ	50	$3	$5	$19	$16	$13	$10	$5	$5	$5	$3	$3	$25	$112
Alpaugh, First	81	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	41	178
Fresno, Wartburg	436	22	44	161	140	103	87	44	44	44	22	22	218	951
Fresno, St. Paul's	178	9	18	66	57	46	36	18	18	18	9	9	89	393
Glendale, First	18	1	2	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	1	1	9	42
Long Beach, Trinity	94	5	9	35	30	24	19	9	9	9	5	5	47	206
Los Angeles, First	425	21	42	157	136	111	85	42	42	42	21	21	213	933
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	101	5	10	37	32	26	20	10	10	10	5	5	51	221
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	24	1	2	9	8	6	5	2	2	2	1	1	12	51
Oakland, First	78	4	8	29	25	20	16	8	8	8	4	4	39	173
Pasadena, Trinity	80	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	40	177
Phœnix, Grace	37	2	4	14	12	10	7	4	4	4	2	2	19	84
Redlands, First	54	3	5	20	17	14	11	5	5	5	3	3	27	118
Riverside, Trinity	80	4	8	30	26	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	40	177
Sacramento, First	65	3	7	24	21	17	13	7	7	7	3	3	33	145
Sacramento, German	308	15	31	114	99	80	62	31	31	31	15	15	154	758
Salinas, Our Saviour	40	2	4	15	13	10	8	4	4	4	2	2	20	88
San Bernardino, First	103	5	10	38	33	27	21	10	10	10	5	5	52	226
San Diego, First	160	8	16	59	51	42	32	16	16	16	8	8	80	352
San Francisco, First	99	5	10	37	32	26	21	10	10	10	5	5	50	221
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	75	4	8	28	24	20	15	8	8	8	4	4	38	169
San Francisco, St. Luke's	24	1	2	9	8	6	5	2	2	2	1	1	12	51
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	131	7	13	48	43	34	26	13	13	13	7	7	66	290
Sanger, St. Paul's	128	6	13	47	41	33	26	13	13	13	6	6	64	281
San José, Grace	90	5	9	33	29	23	18	9	9	9	5	5	45	199
Santa Barbara, Grace	60	3	6	22	19	16	12	6	6	6	3	3	30	132
Seattle, St. Paul's	43	2	4	16	14	11	9	4	4	4	2	2	22	94
Totals	3062	$154	$306	$1134	$984	$786	$616	$306	$306	$306	$154	$154	$1536	$6822

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.						Losses.			Accessions.					Membership.			Finances.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Contributions	
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work."	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.
O. H. Gruver (supply)	Alameda	Christ	1	..	..	..	8	1	4	..	20	6	2	6	4	..	50	67	90	$6000	$500	$918	$586	1	5	41	..	..	..	$116	$8
E. H. Combs	Alpaugh	First	1	..	2	..	20	2	1	1	..	10	2	4	16	..	81	87	120	6000	675	940	309	1	20	128	10	..	24	162	20
C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	14	..	2	..	12	48	..	14	..	17	178	190	418	6000	3500	538	566	1	8	82	..	..	..	38	..
H. H. Rippe	Fresno	Wartburg	1	1	1	..	41	1	8	4	7	57	..	10	3	68	436	454	1024	7500	1250	1080	162	1	16	384	..	..	..	32	71
G. Wenning	Glendale	First	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	2	..	3	18	18	19	1200	300	420	475	1	5	8	..	..	..	45	3
D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	..	2	..	4	3	2	2	4	6	1	4	8	17	94	107	156	12000	2700	945	1194	1	18	81	..	8	6	218	80
H. J. Weaver	Los Angeles	First	1	..	3	1	12	33	2	21	30	19	8	16	34	35	425	678	778	90000	10700	4852	1100	1	30	270	..	..	19	533	152
J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	6	6	1	1	7	7	2	4	8	14	101	140	197	14500	4200	1247	654	1	14	107	..	33	30	168	44
W. E. Crouser, Miss. Supt.	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	20	2	24	24	45	..	..	245	..	1	4	24	..	..	..	6	..
E. G. Lund	Oakland	First	1	..	1	..	12	5	1	2	56	7	..	11	22	..	78	134	183	50000	8500	1625	720	1	16	86	..	..	..	207	85
W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1	..	2	..	3	8	..	11	5	3	..	2	11	..	80	117	125	12000	1700	1011	463	1	8	66	..	15	6	128	55
J. K. Reed	Phœnix	Grace	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	3	2	3	1	24	14	37	37	51	..	..	330	..	1	7	31	..	..	..	29	7
A. E. Isham	Redlands	First	1	..	2	..	..	15	1	3	..	5	..	..	1	3	54	63	91	9000	..	703	64	1	11	80	..	..	15	138	14
R. W. Mottern	Riverside	Trinity	1	..	2	..	9	5	..	2	15	10	2	4	4	10	80	92	104	6000	..	1080	..	1	16	105	3	7	11	158	109
H. C. Funk	Sacramento	First	1	..	1	..	10	7	3	2	6	10	2	4	..	..	65	135	200	25000	2500	1350	75	1	10	90	5	..	25	75	5
C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1	..	2	..	22	8	16	2	66	23	..	28	..	..	308	550	780	90000	7200	3715	1680	1	22	240	..	..	..	365	134
N. N. Harter	Salinas	Our Saviour's	1	..	1	..	5	3	..	2	25	3	..	5	..	1	40	47	65	4500	1475	386	160	1	4	17	2	..	..	17	36
J. W. Romick	San Bernardino	First	1	..	3	..	4	..	..	4	6	6	1	5	3	6	103	126	190	6300	2800	877	..	1	11	125	..	..	17	96	94
G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1	1	5	..	9	25	3	10	..	21	5	9	18	22	160	208	262	22000	..	2119	..	1	20	140	..	43	20	169	91
J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1	..	2	..	10	1	..	4	316	9	3	10	2	15	99	150	..	60000	4700	2895	166	1	11	120	..	15	25	125	18
A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	1	4	1	1	1	..	6	..	3	..	4	75	127	202	16500	500	936	300	1	3	45	..	..	..	90	23
W. R. Swickard	San Francisco	St. Luke's	1	..	1	1	13	1	..	1	12	4	6	3	..	8	24	41	72	850	..	832	..	1	8	140	..	10	..	177	..
H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	..	..	..	16	3	2	2	..	18	..	16	5	..	131	183	300	42000	8575	2415	1048	1	18	98	..	..	..	290	52
H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's*	1	..	..	..	27	1	27	..	1	84	9	21	7	54	*	503	975	180000	..	3864	1024	1	16	172	16	..	..	121	89
A. Bahr	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	15	..	..	27	16	128	132	329	2900	500	394	14	1	5	65	..	..	..	..	5
J. E. Hoick	San Jose	Grace	1	..	3	..	11	4	1	3	8	11	1	11	2	6	90	150	185	20000	2000	859	33	1	10	85	..	..	6	112	33
G. P. Goll	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	..	2	..	3	2	1	5	..	..	2	3	3	9	60	71	80	12000	912	1375	50	1	7	29	..	26	..	101	24
H. C. Stafford	Seattle	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	12	14	..	4	5	3	..	3	11	5	43	60	80	5000	2500	406	2900	1	10	65	5	..	..	55	20
Totals for 1914			28	2	39	3	277	153	77	90	612	393	51	199	233	329	3062	4681	7371	707250	67687	38457	13723	28	333	2924	41	157	204	3670	1282
Totals for 1913			26	2	37	5	264	105	64	64	149	323	25	202	175	249	2761	4658	7513	698700	62537	36625	12412	26	329	2654	28	192	231	3620	1045
Gain			2	..	2	..	7	48	13	26	463	70	26	..	58	80	301	23	..	8550	5150	1832	1311	2	4	270	13	..	..	50	237

Index Number.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions: For Local Objects.	Contributions: For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work."	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1												$3	$3	$37	$10	$8	$5	$4							$15	$85	$1589
2	2	50	$23	$49				2	$10			3	7	68	48	17	9	7	$10	$7		$7	$3	$3	70	249	1498
3	1	28	65											18												18	1122
4	1	72	53										20	33	5	15				5		2	2	2	60	144	1386
5												2	2	15	5	6	7	2		4		2	2	2		49	944
6	1	20	15	10	1	16		4	42			4	7	77	22	18	14	7	39	7	$20	7	4	4	30	260	2399
7	2	70	4	115	3	88	4	19	182	1	25	20	40	379	168	202	80	40	182	40		40	20	20	693	1924	7876
8	1	23	14	7	1	20		12	65	1	25	4	8	70	26	21	21	8	65	8		8	4	4	30	277	2178
9					1	9								10												10	255
10	1	21	20		1	11	4	5	32			3	6	156	20	17	113	6	32	6		6	3	3		371	2716
11	2	26	2	81	1	18		14	58			4	8	71	26	21	16	8	58	8		8	4	38		270	1734
12														6		7	1							2		16	346
13	1	14	5	5	1	12	4	12	46			3	5	47	17	14	11	5	46	5		5	3	3	5	169	936
14	1	25	33	19	1	18	6	17	71			4	8	66	24	20	15	8	71	8		8	4	4	36	276	1356
15	1	12	10		1	10		7	21			4	5						21		5				5	40	1465
16	2	70	95	45	1	95	25	20	278			16	32	80	50	42	20	10	278						185	713	6108
17	1	24	45	4								2	4	33	12	9	8	4		4		4	2	2		84	630
18	2	37	16	2	2	32		12	186			5	10	89	33	27	20	10	49	10		10	5	5	59	332	1209
19	3	70	45	48	1	32	1	26	173			7	13	113	67	34	26	13	173	13		13	7	10	144	633	2752
20	1	30	65	5	1	21			42			2	3	59	5	10	6	10	42			2			17	156	3217
21					1	53		7	70			4	7	29	10	8	5	3	54	3		3	2	2	283	413	1649
22	1	20	116									1	2	17	6	5	4	2		2		2	1	1		43	875
23	2	75	180		1	38		6	75			6	11	60	36	30	23	11	39	11		11	6	6	390	640	4103
24	1	136	75											82											716	798	5686
25												2	3	26	4	3	6			2		2		2	64	114	522
26	1	12	10		1	13	2	16	60			2	4	40	26	21	16	4	60	4		4	2	2		185	1077
27	1	17	108		1	24	1	8	46			2	5	48	15	12	10	5	36	5		5	2	2		143	1568
28												2	3	15	11	10	12	3		3		3	2	2	17	83	3389
29	29	852	999	390	20	510	47	187	1457	2	50	105	216	1744	646	577	448	170	1245	155	25	152	78	119	2819	8495	60585
30	28	706	996	570	27	654	44	201	2995	5	103	61	319	1412	782	540	320	164	1621	133		127	63	46	1958	7546	56983
31	1	146	3				3					44		332		37	128	6		22	25	25	15	73	861	949	3602
32				180	7	144		14	538	3	53		103		136				376								

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

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OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(REV. G. P. GOLL, PASTOR)
SANTA BARBARA, CAL., October 10-14, 1914

FIRST SESSION

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., OCTOBER 10, 1914, 2 P.M.

At a joint meeting held with the Synod, Rev. J. E. Hoick expressed the greetings of that body. Mrs. Hillerman, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Reimer, Mrs. Snyder and Miss Flathman responded briefly. The convention was then called to order by the President, Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. D. J. Snyder.

Delegates presented credentials as follows:

Santa Barbara—Mrs. Charles Beier.
San José—Mrs. W. E. Crouser.
Oakland—Mrs. O. H. Gruver.
San Diego—Mrs. C. J. Hogerson.
Long Beach—Mrs. J. Herring.
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. W. H. Eberling.
Los Angeles (St. Paul's)—Mrs. Harriet Welch.
Riverside—Mrs. J. F. Reimer.
San Bernardino—Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

Redlands—Miss Emma Crotzer.

Pasadena—Mrs. B. A. Richart.

Officers—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. D. J. Snyder and Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

Visitors present:

Long Beach—Miss Mary Haggerty.

Los Angeles— (*St. Mark's*)—Miss Nettie Meyn, Mrs. J. A. Flickinger.

Redlands—Miss A. Solem, Mrs. Mina C. Hill.

Advisory Members—Mrs. N. N. Harter, of Salinas; Mrs. J. A. Flickinger, of St. Mark's, Los Angeles.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Hilma Palmer, of Santa Barbara, and responded to by Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

Letters of greeting were received from Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge; President of the Executive Committee; Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Secretary of the Executive Committee, and Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer.

The report of the Literature Secretary was given by the Secretary, Miss Rosa Flathman.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, read by Miss Flathman.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Number of Woman's Societies	16
Number of Young People's Societies	1
Number of Children's Bands	2
Total number of societies	19
Grand total of members, not including Life and Home Department members	539
Total Active Members	480
Total Honorary Members	42
Total Cradle Roll Members	17
Total Life Members	57
Total Home Department Members	0
Total Members in Woman's Societies	482
Total Members in Young People's Societies	27
Total Members in Children's Bands	30
Total Number *Lutheran Woman's Work*	199
Total Number *Lutheran Boys and Girls*	105
Total Value Boxes	$10

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER.

The Thank-offering report was given by the Secretary, Mrs. D. J. Snyder, and our aim for $500 for this year was emphasized.

An informal talk on Immigration was given by Mrs. Ball.

The President requested a season of prayer for the recovery, if God sees best, of Mrs. J. W. Romich, who lay so near death.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Address.—Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Miss Rosa Flathman.

Auditing—Mrs. D. J. Snyder, Mrs. W. H. Ebeling.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. J. Herring, Mrs. C. J. Hogerson.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Mrs. B. A. Richart, Mrs. J. A. Flickinger.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. R. S. Cunning.

On motion, the pastor's wives present were made advisory members.

After the reception of offerings, the session closed with the missionary benediction.

SECOND SESSION

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7.30 P.M.

Vesper service, Rev. G. P. Goll.

Solo, Mrs. J. W. Ball.

Illustrated address, Mrs. J. H. Harpster, "Our Work in India."

Duet, Misses Rissmiller and Petersen.

Violin obligato, Mr. Paulin.

Hymn and benediction.

THIRD SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2 P.M.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Flickinger.

Minutes were read and approved.

President's Address

DEAR FRIENDS:

Once more, through the kind providence of our heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble in this convention to review the results of another year's work, and to plan for the activities of the new year. The records of the past are closed, and no words that we may utter now can change them, but let us pause to ask ourselves a few questions. Have we been faithful to the great privileges which are ours as Christian women? Have we neglected opportunities for service which we might have improved had we been willing to suffer inconvenience for the sake of advancing the work of our society and of spreading the gospel?

Sometimes we feel that our growth is so slow and our achievements so few that we become disheartened and almost lose interest in the work. We long to do some great thing for the Master, to undertake some large task—anything that will produce results quickly. These desires are very good in their place, but let us not permit them to blind our eyes to the little things, the small duties very near at hand awaiting our prayerful, earnest attention. God does not hold us responsible for results, only "be thou faithful," and we can safely trust the results with Him. Let this then be the keynote of this convention, *faithfulness* on the part of every member of each society in the California Synod.

Faithful, first of all, in prayer, which is our one great privilege. Second, faithful in giving, as God prospers us. Third, faithful in attending every meeting of the society, if at all possible. Fourth, faithful in doing every task required of us. To-day we hear much of efficiency in all phases of business, and in the work of the church and its auxiliaries. It is a term which may well be considered in our Woman's Missionary Society. Efficient—producing results, not inactive, slack or incapable, so the dictionary defines the word. If every member of the California Synodical Society will adopt for her motto our word "Faithful," we may reasonably expect to have efficient organizations, producing results.

The reports to be presented by the various officers and delegates will give a clear and concise view of the past year's work, and it is not my desire to go into details further than to speak of the splendid increase in our finances. A net gain of about $200 over the previous year is most gratifying. Our societies are fast becoming more systematic in their contributions to the work, and this is another encouraging feature. However, not all are coming up to the average of ten cents a month per member, as specified by the last General Convention. This fact should be investigated by the officers of the societies and the delegates to this convention.

Loyalty to our General Executive Committee in all the work planned by it, both special and regular, must be emphasized, but the special objects should not be allowed to cripple the General Fund.

Societies are requested not to support any work except that authorized by the General Executive Committee; and all contributions must be forwarded to our own Synodical Treasurer, and not to the General Treasurer, nor to any other official.

Your attention is directed to the Fortieth Anniversary Fund, as fully explained in the *Lutheran Woman's Work* and in the leaflets for distribution at this convention. In compliance with the request for starting this fund at once, it is the duty of each society to provide a Fortieth Anniversary chest to receive offerings at the meetings.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of our Synodical Thank-offering department occurs this year, and we aim to celebrate the event with an offering of $500 in November. This sum is nearly $100 larger than last year's offering, but, if every member does her part, we will raise it.

The support of the Young People's missionary to India, Miss Louise Miller, formerly of Oakland, should especially interest all our Young People's Societies of whatever name. During the past year several unsuccessful attempts were made in this matter. We recommend that hereafter this be one feature of the work of our Young People's Secretary.

This convention is called upon to endorse the action of the President, authorizing the Treasurer to pay from the Synodical Fund the sum of $10 to complete our payment of $50 to the Maternity Block of the Kugler Hospital, Guntur, India. The last convention ordered $20 paid for this object, and Rev. Gruver pledged a similar amount, leaving a balance of $10 unprovided for. A vote of thanks should be tendered Rev. Gruver for his generous gift.

The following matters should receive careful consideration during the coming year:

Life Membership.—This is a very important work, as this fund helps to increase the General Fund. We recommend that, wherever possible, societies start a Permanent Life Membership Fund. Here occasional gifts may be deposited by those interested, and. when the amount reaches $10 some member or friend may be presented with a life certificate.

Magazine Subscribers.—A Good Literature Committee in each society may do effective work in renewing subscriptions promptly to *Lutheran Woman's Work,* and in securing new subscribers. This splendid magazine should be in every home in our Church. While

we have 539 members in California, there are only 199 subscribers to *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

Schedule for Regular Work, as adopted in convention two years ago.—General Fund, every quarter, 30 cents a member; India Bed, March quarter, 20 cents a member; May Memorial, June quarter, 10 cents a member; Synodical Fund, September quarter, 20 cents a member; Thank-offering and Christmas Offering, December quarter, freewill contributions. The Treasurer will greatly appreciate your careful attention to these details.

The Even Dollar Plan.—This was adopted some years ago, and is a good thing. Several of our societies are using it regularly, but we regret to say that others seem to have neglected it entirely. Some plan should be devised by the convention to enforce the rule, as it does much to lighten the labors of our Treasurer.

Promptness in Correspondence.—This needs special emphasis in some societies. The work is often hindered by carelessness in this particular. Let us be prompt in all things pertaining to our work. The King's business demands haste.

The Program Committee, composed of Mrs. J. W. Romich, Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. D. J. Snyder and Mrs. H. C. Funk, deserves special commendation in this report for its labor in arranging the program for this convention.

We rejoice to be able to report the addition of one new Woman's Society, that belonging to the recently organized congregation of St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles. Although but one month old, this society is received with an active membership of nine, a shining example to some of our older churches.

With sincere gratitude to the members and officers for their loyal support and hearty co-operation during the year, this message is submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

Received and referred to the proper committee.

Treasurer's report received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendices A and B.)

The Historian's report was read by Mrs. Harter in the absence of Mrs. Hoick.

Upon motion, the Historian was instructed to continue to keep a file of *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

A paper, "Echoes from Mt. Hermon," by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, was read by the Secretary. The report was quite full and most interesting.

Miss Rosa Flathman's paper on the Mission Study book, "The King's Business," was most excellent.

Reports were received from the following societies: Santa Barbara, San José, Oakland, San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles (St. Mark's), Los Angeles (First Church), Los Angeles (St. Paul's), Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, Pasadena, Sacramento (German).

The Round Table on efficiency was very interesting, and was participated in by most of the delegates.

Upon motion, each Conference was instructed to pay the expenses of its own summer mission school.

Offerings received.

The session closed with missionary benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1914.

On account of an automobile trip, planned by Rev. Goll for our entertainment, a special meeting was called for 9.30 A.M.

Devotional service, conducted by Miss Flathman. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

The paper, "Our Young People," by Mrs. W. E. Crouser, showed a thorough appreciation of the importance of work among the young people, and brought out, by discussion, some good ideas for young people's work.

The session adjourned to meet at 4 P.M.

The adjourned meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Flickinger. The Thank-offering Hour was conducted by Mrs. D. J. Snyder. Psalm 103 was read responsively. Mrs. Harpster gave an address upon the industrial work in India and exhibited India laces.

"What Is a Thank-offering?" a little girl.

Sunbeam Song, Anna Rissmiller.

Recitation, "A Nickel Song," Katherine Durham.

Solo, "Count Your Blessings," Nadine Green.

Recitation, "All the Good Things," Irene Peterson.

Mrs. Snyder concluded with a telling plea for the everyday use of the Thank-offering box.

FIFTH SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBRR 14, 1914.

Meeting called to order. Psalm 23 was repeated. Prayer by Mrs. Hillerman. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on President's Address

Your committee notes with pleasure the progress made by our societies during the past year under the efficient leadership of our worthy President.

We recommend the following suggestions:

1. That each society especially remember the keynote of this convention, "Faithfulness."

2. That more effort be made to obtain Life Members.

3. That a committee be appointed by each society for the purpose of securing new subscriptions and renewing present ones to *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

4. That some plan be devised by the convention to enforce the sending of even dollars for each object.

We rejoice to report the organization of a new society in a congregation only one month old, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER,
ROSA A. R. FLATHMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

Your Committee on Letters and Papers reports as follows:

The letters from Mrs. Breckenridge, President of the Executive Committee; Miss Margaret Miller and Mrs. Beegle were full of encouragement.

Mrs. Beegle urged the forming of new Young People's Societies and Mission Bands among children, and also urges the preparation for the fortieth anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Breckenridge referred to the item of 10 cents per member that the work may be carried on as planned at the York Convention.

"The Echoes from Mt. Hermon" was a very full and good report.

Mrs. Crouser's paper was most excellent. She brought out some very helpful points on interesting young people.

The paper on "The King's Business" was full of helpful and excellent suggestions. One of its features was the urging of Mission Study classes in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. O. H. GRUVER,
Mrs. B. A. RICHART,
Mrs. J. A. FLICKINGER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this convention be extended to the pastor and members of this congregation for our entertainment, and to their friends who so kindly assisted.

Resolved, 2. That we have learned with pleasure of the organization of St. Paul's Church, of Los Angeles, by the Missionary Superintendent, and we express our gratitude upon the reception of their Missionary Society into this organization.

Resolved, 3. That our thanks be extended to Mrs. J. H. Harpster and Rev. George P. Goll for their instructive and interesting addresses on our work in India and Africa respectively, and to all who have helped in any way to make this convention a success.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. W. E. CROUSER,
Mrs. R. S. CUNNING.

Report adopted.

Upon motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to Mrs. Harpster the sum of $10.

On motion, the sum of $25 was allowed for the printing of minutes.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. J. W. Romich expressing greeting and sympathy of the convention.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

Mrs. G. H. Hillerman	$17 00
Programs	7 00
Miss Stuber	2 50
Mrs. Reimer	4 00
Miss Flathman (Literature)	5 55
Total	$36 05

Report of Auditing Committee

The committee has examined the Treasurer's books and papers, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted, LEONA H. SNYDER,
MRS. EBERLING.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report

Your committee has examined the Corresponding Secretary's report and finds it correct.

At this convention the new St. Paul's mission, in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, reported a society of nine members, making a total gain of forty-nine members for the past year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. J. HERRING,
MRS. HOGERSON.

Report adopted.

For report of Nominating Committee see Directory.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for the officers.

The election of delegates to the biennial convention resulted in the choice of Mrs. G. H. Hillerman as delegate, and Mrs. J. F. Reimer as alternate.

Upon motion, Mrs. Hilma Palmer was made a life member by the convention.

Rev. G. P. Goll gave an informal talk on Africa and showed a number of relics.

Minutes read and approved.

After prayer and the missionary benediction, the President declared the Twenty-third Annual Convention closed.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Treasurer, 1913-1914.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Life Membership.	India Bed Fund.	May Memorial Fund.	Education of Girl in India.	India Girl Protégé.	Africa Girl Protégé	New Building in Africa.	Maternity Ward in Dr. Kugler's Hospital.	Synodical Fund.	Total.
Balance, September 20, 1913												$172 60	$172 60
Offering at Convention, October 11-13, 1913												35 25	35 25
Offering at Southern Conference, April 21-23, 1914												11 50	11 50
Seminary Fund												110 25	110 25
Permanent Life Membership Fund												2 50	2 50
Alpaugh	$10 00												10 00
Long Beach	18 40	$13 04	$1 00		$2 60	$1 00						3 00	39 04
Los Angeles (First Church)	34 00	54 00	15 00		6 60	3 40		$25 00	$25 00			6 60	169 60
Los Angeles (A. F. C. M. B.)	20 30	15 30					$25 00	25 00		$25 00			110 60
Los Angeles (Kinsinger M. B.)		3 55											3 55
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	26 00	20 00	2 50		4 00	2 00						4 25	58 75
Oakland	13 25	4 85	1 00	$10 00	1 40	80						1 20	32 50
Pasadena	17 40	17 50			4 00	2 00						3 60	44 50
Redlands	15 95	20 00	3 65		2 40	1 40						2 40	45 80
Riverside	29 15	28 05	5 25		3 60	1 60						4 10	71 75
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	12 55												12 55
Sacramento (English)	13 00	7 60	1 50		1 80	1 00						2 85	27 75
Sacramento (German)	95 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	18 00	10 00		25 00				18 00	211 00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10 00												10 00
San Bernardino	12 90	25 09	3 25		2 05							2 25	45 54
San Diego	32 00	82 00	6 00	30 00	5 00	3 00				9 00		6 00	173 00
San Francisco (First English)	21 40	10 60			3 50							2 65	38 15
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	29 65	16 80	5 00			2 95							54 40
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	23 50	7 80			5 50	2 50						5 00	44 30
San José	18 00	35 00			2 00	2 00						3 00	60 00
Santa Barbara	8 00	14 60	3 00		4 80	2 40						4 80	37 60
Rev. O. H. Gruver											$20 00		20 00
Synodical Society				10 00							30 00		40 00
Interest on Deposit												8 65	8 65
Amount Received	$460 45	$400 78	$57 15	$60 00	$67 25	$36 05	$25 00	$75 00	$25 00	$34 00	$50 00	$410 45	$1701 13
Amount Remitted	460 45	400 78	57 15	60 00	67 25	36 05	25 00	75 00	25 00	34 00	50 00		1290 68
Amount in Treasury												$410 45	$410 45

APPENDIX B—Financial Report, 1913-1914

Receipts

September 20, 1913. To Balance		$172 60
October 11-13, 1913. Offering at Convention		35 25
April 21-23, 1914. Offering at Southern Conference		11 50
Seminary Fund		110 25
Permanent Life Membership Fund		2 50
General Fund	$460 45	
Thank-Offering	400 78	
Christmas Offering	57 15	
Life Membership	60 00	
India Bed Fund	67 25	
May Memorial Fund	36 05	
Education of Girl in India	25 00	
India Girl Protégé	75 00	
Africa Girl Protégé	25 00	
New Building in Africa	34 00	
Maternity Ward in Dr. Kugler's Hospital	50 00	
Synodical Fund	69 70	
Interest on Deposit	8 65	
		1369 03
		$1701 13

Expenditures

Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer:			
By General Fund	$460 45		
By Thank-Offering	400 78		
By Christmas Offering	57 15		
By Life Membership	60 00		
By India Bed Fund	67 25		
By May Memorial Fund	36 05		
By Education of Girl in India	25 00		
By India Girl Protégé	75 00		
By Africa Girl Protégé	25 00		
By New Building in Africa	34 00		
By Maternity Ward in Dr. Kugler's Hospital	50 00		
		$1290 68	
By Seminary Fund		110 25	
By Interest on Seminary Fund		4 40	
By Permanent Life Membership Fund		2 50	
By Mt. Hermon School of Missions		5 00	
By Mrs. Harpster, Expenses for Address at Southern Conference		5 00	
Synodical Expenses:			
By President, for Programs	$7 50		
By President, Postage and Traveling Expenses	8 00		
By Thank-Offering Secretary, Postage	1 25		
By Corresponding Secretary, Postage	2 50		
By Literature Secretary, Postage	3 90		
By Treasurer, Postage	4 00		
By Historian's Book	1 50		
By Treasurer California Synod, Printing Minutes of 1912	38 65		
By Life Membership at Convention	10 00		
By Maternity Ward in Dr. Kugler's Hospital	30 00		
By 1000 Letter Heads and 500 Envelopes	5 50		
		112 80	
Balance		170 50	
		$1701 13	

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To prevent all mistakes in the writing of wills and making of bequests to the benevolent objects of the Church, it has been ordered that the corporate names and titles of the different Boards and Societies of the General Synod should appear on this page. If those who contemplate making any of the church institutions named below beneficiaries in their last wills are careful to use the legal titles here following, their pious intentions will not be frustrated.

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CAUTION.—It would be well to remember that State laws should be consulted in making bequests.

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Number.	Place.	Date.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Pastors Enrolled.	Churches Enrolled.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine, Ph. D.	Rev. J. S. Simon, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart, D. D.	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San José	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San José	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1915-1916

OFFICERS OF SYNOD

President—Rev. DANIEL J. SNYDER, 1331 Atlantic St., Long Beach, Cal.
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Statistical Secretary—Rev. ARTHUR E. ISHAM, 847 E. Central Ave., Redlands, Cal.
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Treasurer—Rev. OSCAR H. GRUVER, 385 Belmont Ave., Oakland, Cal.
Superintendent of Missions—Rev. HENRY C. FUNK, San Francisco, Cal.

TRUSTEES

(The Officers of Synod.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Officers of Synod and Chairmen of Standing Committees.)

DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Term expires 1916—Rev. O. H. GRUVER, Rev. C. F. OEHLER, Mr. J. F. REIMER.
Term expires 1917—Rev. W. E. CROUSER, D.D., Rev. H. J. WEAVER, D.D., Mr. J. A. BOHN.
Term expires 1918—Rev. D. J. SNYDER, Rev. J. W. BALL, Ph.D., Mr. J. W. FRICKE.

Member of the Home Mission and Church Extension Council

Rev. H. C. FUNK.

Delegate to Pacific Synod

(To be Appointed)

STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD

Home Mission Committee

Term expires 1916—Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, Rev. H. S. FEIX.
Term expires 1917—Rev. H. J. WEAVER, D.D., Mr. N. N. FRITZ.
Term expires 1918—Rev. J. W. BALL, Ph.D., Rev. O. H. GRUVER.

Examination for the Ministry

Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, Rev. A. JATHO, Rev. J. W. ROMICH

Ministerial Education

Rev. H. J. WEAVER, D.D., Rev. J. R. BRAEUER, Ph.D., Rev. J. E. HOICK

State of the Church

Rev. W. E. CROUSER, D.D., Rev. G. P. GOLL, Rev. J. E. STERMER

Minutes of Synod

Rev. H. C. FUNK, Rev. H. H. RIPPE, Rev. H. C. STAFFORD

Lutheran Brotherhood

Mr. W. H. EBELING, Mr. N. N. FRITZ, Mr. HARRY FAUST

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Temperance

Rev. C. F. OEHLER, D.D., Rev. H. S. FEIX, Mr. R. H. YOUNG

Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation

Rev. J. W. BALL, Ph.D., Rev. A. E. ISHAM, Rev. H. S. FEIX
Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN, Rev. W. E. CROUSER, D.D.

Accounting System

Mr. A. A. MAXWELL, Mr. J. F. REIMER, Mr. J C. FROHLIGER

Reporters

Lutheran Church Work—Rev. G. H. HILLERMAN (Official Representative).
Lutheran Woman's Work—Rev. W. H. DERR.
Zionsbote—Rev. H. GEHRCKE.
Daily Press—Rev. J. W. BALL, Ph.D.

Reference and Counsel

Rev. J. E. HOICK, Rev. O. H. GRUVER, Rev. R. W. MOTTERN

PROGRAM OF SYNOD

Half-hour Devotional Service Each Morning

Galatians, Rev. W. H. Derr. (Rev. H. S. Feix.)

Friday Evening. Synodical Communion

Sermon by Rev. D. J. Snyder. (Rev. H. Gehrcke.)

Sunday Morning

Sermon by Rev. G. H. Hillerman. (Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.)

Sunday Evening

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Monday Afternoon

(Paper and discussion limited to one hour.)

Article XVI Augsburg Confession. Rev. A. E. Isham. (Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.)

Monday Evening

"'The Mission of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast." Rev. H. C. Funk. (Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D.)

Tuesday Evening

Sermon by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D. (Rev. O. H. Gruver.)

Next Convention

Place.—Long Beach, Cal.
Time.—October 13 to 18, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD AT MT. HERMON, CAL., OCTOBER, 8-12, 1915

NOTE.—Every report, resolution, etc., appearing in these printed minutes was adopted by Synod.

The business of all the sessions was arranged by Committee on Reference and Counsel.—G. H. H., *Sec.*

MT. HERMON, CAL., FRIDAY, OCT. 8, 1915, 7.30 P.M.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of California Synod met at Mt. Hermon, Cal. Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. D. J. Snyder, on "The Lord's Harvest," Matt. 9 : 37, 38. Synodical Communion followed.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

MT. HERMON, CAL., SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1915, 9 A.M.

Devotional service by Rev. H. C. Funk, "A Man After God's Own Heart."

Synod formally opened by the President.

Synodical Roll.

Number.	Name of Pastor.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod.	Address of Pastor.	Name of Pastorate.	Location of Churches.	Name of Delegate.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D. D., *a.e.*	1879	1891	Montara, Cal.			
2	Herman Gehrcke, *a.u.*	1892	1892	San Francisco, Cal., 433 Dolores St.	St. Matthew's	16th and Dolores	Paul Boehme, *a.e.*
3	Charles F. Oehler, D. D., *a.x.*	1888	1893	Sacramento, Cal., 1709 L St.	German	17th and L	John Clauss, *a.e.*
4	L. C. Routzahn, *a.u.*	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande, Cal.			
5	Adolph Jatho, *a.e.*	1887	1895	Oakland, Cal., 1634 Adeline St.	St. Andrew's, S. F.	722 Union	Conrad Schneider, *a.e.*
6	William Brandes, *a.e.*	1889	1896	Alameda, Cal., 1212 Paru St.			
7	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	San Diego, Cal., 1140 21st St.	First	2d, between A and Ash	P. S. Leisenring, M.D. *a.x.*
8	John Edward Hoick, *a.x.*, *a.*	1894	1898	Los Angeles, Cal., 415 S. Evergreen Ave.	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	No delegate.
9	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Riverside, Cal., 258 Main St.	Trinity	9th and Walnut	J. F. Reimer, *a.e.*
10	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	Oakland, Cal., 2003 Filbert St.	First	16th and Grove	J. A. Bohn, *a.e.*
11	Oscar H. Gruver	1892	1904	Oakland, Cal., 385 Belmont Ave.	Christ	Haight and Webster	H. C. Hacke, *a.e.*
12	Henry S. Feix, *a.e.*	1880	1905	San Francisco, Cal., 1133 O'Farrell	St. Mark's	O'Farrell, w. of Franklin	No delegate.
13	John Gutleben, *a.e.*	1870	1905	Oakland, Cal., 2228 High St.			
14	J. C. Pedersen, *a.e.*	1881	1906	Muhlenberg, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa	Missionary.		
15	William J. Roehmer, *a.u.*	1896	1906	Fresno, Cal.			
16	Julius W. Romich, *a.*	1895	1907	San Bernardino, Cal., 360 Delaware Ave.	First	G, between 6th and 7th	No delegate.
17	James J. Chambers, *a.x.*	1896	1907	Santa Cruz, Cal.			
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, Cal., 1175 W. 37th St.	St. Mark's	W. 36th Pl. and Vermont	John Esterly, *a.x.**
19	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	San Francisco, Cal., 4175 24th St.	St. Luke's	24th and Castro	H. F. Papenhousen, *a.e.*
20	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic St.	Trinity	8th and Linden	H. A. Rosselot
21	Michael F. Rinker, *a.e.*	1885	1908	Glendale, Cal., 403 Brand Blvd.			
22	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale, Cal., 340 S. Central Ave.	First	3d and Isabel	Wm. A. Anderson, *a.c.*
23	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Sacramento, Cal., 2005 Yale St.	First	16th, between J and K	A. Tellstrom, *a.e.*
24	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Salinas, Cal., 311 Lincoln Ave.	Our Saviour	311 Lincoln	Andrew Anderson, *a.e.*
25	George Philip Goll	1896	1911	Santa Barbara, Cal., 1111 Anacapa	Grace	Anacapa, near Figueroa	George Beiers, *a.e.*
26	William H. Derr, *a.x.*	1903	1912	Pasadena, Cal., 518 Herkimer St.	Trinity	Los Robles and Walnut	Harry Faust, *a.e.*
27	John R. Brauer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	San Francisco, Cal., 2023 Sacramento St.	First	Geary, west of Gough	N. N. Fritz.

Synodical Roll.—Concluded.

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28	E. F. A. Hantel, *a.e.*	1875	1912	Albany, Ore.			
29	William C. Eckhart, *a.e.*	1891	1912	San Diego, Cal., R. R. No. 4, Box 161 P.			
30	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, Cal., 847 E. Central Ave.	First	Olive and Myrtle	A. P. Crim, *a.e.*
31	Herman H. Rippe, *a.x.*	1888	1912	Fresno, Cal., 801 B St., Box 152	Wartburg	D and Ventura	No delegate.
32	Christian A. Walton, *a.u.*	1897	1912	Woodland, Cal.			
33	August Bahr, *a.e.*	1899	1913	Sanger, Cal.	St. Paul's		No delegate.
34	Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San José, Cal., Box 418	Immanuel, S. F.	Bay View and Latona	O. Olsen, *a.e.*
35	John K. Reed, *a.e.*	1890	1913	Morrison, Ill.			
36	Waldemar Morenz-Oeser, *a.x.*	1884	1913	Campbell, Cal.			
37	Carl Legler, *a.e.*	1902	1913	Fresno, Cal., 305 E. St.	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	No delegate.
38	Gustaf A. Hiden, *a.e.*	1893	1913	San Francisco, Cal., 2854 25th St.	Swedish-Finnish Ass'n	2854 25th St.	
39	Howard C. Stafford, *a.e.*	1909	1913	Seattle, Wash., 4417 Evanston Ave.	St. Paul's	43d and Fremont.	Harry F. Rankin, *a.e.*
40	Emil G. Lund, D. D., *a.e.*	1881	1913	Seattle, Wash., 1817 14th Ave.			
41	Elmer H. Combs	1900	1914	Alpaugh, Tulare Co., Cal.	First	E. Center	J. H. F. Robejohannes, *a.e.*
42	John Adam Miller[1], *a.u.*	1902	1914	Detroit, Mich.			
43	Ernst Junghaus[2], *a.e.*	1897	1915	Dehesa, Cal.			
44	Joseph E. Stermer[3], *o.*	1914	1915	Phœnix, Ariz., 1412 E. Pierce St.	Grace	K. of P. Hall	H. Craig Raup
45	Vacant	....	....	Los Angeles, Cal.	First	8th and Flower	A. A. Maxwell
46	Vacant	....	....	San José, Cal.	Grace	2d and Julian	L. C. Smith, *a.*

a. Absent from part of the convention without excuse. *a.u.* Absent from entire convention, and unexcused. *a.e.* Absent from entire convention and excused. *a.x.* Absent from part of the convention, and excused. *o.* Ordained. * W. H. Ebeling, delegate for closing sessions.

Received from: [1] Central Canada (G. C.); [2] Wartburg; [3] W. Pa. (licentiate).

Advisory members: Revs. C. E. Hay, D. D., H. M. Leech, E. C. Jannush, G. A. Blair and Sherman.

President's Report

Brethren of the California Synod:

Grace unto you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. We have gathered from our widely scattered fields, in this beautiful mountain retreat, in our Twenty-fifth Annual Convention under circumstances that call for deepest gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

We have reached the quarter-century mark in our history. At times the traveling has been difficult and the progress slow, but we have plodded steadily onward, and now have attained the vigor of full grown manhood. Though there has been no phenomenal growth during the past year, yet there is abundant evidence that the Spirit of Christ has been with us. All of our churches have been supplied with means of grace, the preaching of the word has been honored, the Holy Sacraments have been appreciated, and many have been gathered into the fold of Christ. In some respects it has been a hard year for many of our people because of industrial conditions, yet they have responded splendidly in the support of Christ's work.

While these things call for gratitude, they also call for renewed consecration, and, as far as possible, wiser and more effective measures of service.

I herewith submit a summary of the official acts of the President of Synod during the past year.

A. Ministers

RESIGNATIONS

Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., from Oakland, to take effect November 30, 1914.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., from the Missionary Superintendency, December 14, 1914.

Rev. R. W. Mottern, from Riverside, taking effect March 31, 1915.

Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., from the First Church, Los Angeles, to take effect July 1, 1915.

Rev. J. A. Miller, from St. Paul's, Los Angeles, taking effect September 1, 1915.

Rev. J. E. Hoick, from San José, closing his work October 1, 1915.

ADMISSIONS

December 7, 1914, Rev. John A. Miller was received from the Synod of Central Canada.

April 13, 1915, Rev. Ernst Junghans was received from the Wartburg Synod.

September 22, 1915, Rev. Joseph E. Stermer, a licentiate from the West Pennsylvania Synod, was received.

DISMISSALS

October 26, 1914, Rev. H. Wiemken was dismissed to the California and Nevada District of the Missouri Synod.

January 28, 1915, Rev. G. Wenning was dismissed to the German Nebraska Synod.

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. John A. Miller to St. Paul's, Los Angeles, entering the field November 1, 1914.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., to Oakland, to begin January 1, 1915.

Rev. O. H. Gruver to Alameda, beginning January 1, 1915.

Rev. R. W. Mottern to Glendale, beginning April 1, 1915.

Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., to Riverside, beginning July 1, 1915.

Rev. J. E. Hoick to St. Paul's, Los Angeles, beginning work October 1, 1915.

INSTALLATIONS

On March 7, 1915, Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Oakland. Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., delivered the charge to the congregation, and Rev. D. J. Snyder delivered the charge to the pastor and conducted the service of installation, assisted by Dr. Lund.

On Sunday morning, March 14, 1915, Rev. H. C. Stafford was installed pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Seattle. Rev. J. Yutzy, D.D., having been commissioned by the President of Synod, delivered the charge both to pastor and people, and, assisted by Dr. H. L. Yarger, D.D., conducted the installation service.

On Sunday evening, August 29, 1915, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., was installed pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Riverside. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. D. J. Snyder, and the charge to the congregation by Rev. G. H. Hillerman. The service of installation was conducted by the President, assisted by the Secretary of Synod.

PASTOR'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

On October 3, 1915, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D., celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sacramento. Congratulations are due Dr. Oehler and his wife on their successful completion of a quarter-century of church work in one congregation in California.

B. Congregations

CHURCHES ORGANIZED

On Sunday morning, April 4, 1915, Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Bay View, San Francisco, was organized by the Rev. S. W. Young, with a charter membership of 56 and a Sunday school of 79. The Sunday school enrollment has since reached 118. Rev. Young has served this mission from its beginning. This congregation makes formal application for admission to Synod.

SELF-SUPPORTING

June 1, 1915, St. Andrew's congregation, San Francisco, became self-supporting. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated upon the splendid achievement, and we wish them God's richest blessing.

DEDICATIONS

On Sunday afternoon, March 14, 1915, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Seattle, was set apart to the worship of God. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., President of the General Synod and Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, preached the dedicatory sermon and solicited funds for indebtedness, amounting to $1500. The entire cost of the church and lot was $10,500. Present indebtedness, $5000.

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1915, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, was dedicated to the worship of God. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Miller, conducted the opening services. Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., preached the sermon from Acts 2 : 42. Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., Rev. W. H. Derr and Rev. R. W. Mottern participated in the service. The church was dedicated by the President of Synod. The church building, costing $700, was purchased from the Methodist Episcopal congregation. Due to the energetic work of the pastor and people, it was entirely clear of debt before dedication. The church lot was purchased for $2300, and is being paid for in $20 monthly installments. A free-will offering amounting to over $100 was given at the dedication service.

MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

Fresno, Wartburg.—Choir gallery built, new altar arrangements, new covering, new carpet for altar, new runners and lot filled in around the church.

Long Beach.—Platform and aisles of Sunday school room carpeted, literature table for Sunday school room, piano repaired.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's.—Book case for choir, literature table, blackboards, gas stoves, piano repaired.

Los Angeles, St. Paul's.—New organ for primary department, new

carpet for auditorium aisles, locks for doors and windows, glass for windows.

Riverside.—A new corner-stone.

Redlands.—New gutters and water-spouts.

San Francisco, St. Matthew's.—An indirect lighting installation, costing $275.

San Diego.—Interior refrescoed and varnished.

San José.—Church painted inside and out.

Santa Barbara.—New Building added to church property, eventually will be the parsonage.

Seattle.—Church costing $7500 completed and dedicated.

DEBTS REDUCED

Alamada, $100; Fresno, St. Paul's, $650; Glendale, $85; Long Beach, $625; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $161; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $800; Pasadena, $300; Salinas, $75; San Bernardino, $200; San Francisco, St. Andrew's, $100; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, $775; Santa Barbara, $912; Seattle, $1775. Total, $6558.

C. Miscellaneous

Synodical Missionary.—Soon after the last convention of Synod Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., resigned as Missionary Superintendent. Because of lack of funds and also the probable change in the administration of its work, the Board of Home Missions would not permit the Advisory Home Mission Committee of Synod to call a new Missionary Superintendent before the meeting of the General Synod. Consequently the work of that office fell upon the officers of Synod and the Advisory Home Mission Committee. Each and every member of that committee has most willingly performed such additional work as devolved upon him thereby.

Visit of the Churches.—On March 4, 1915, the President of Synod made a trip to Oakland and San Francisco. He assisted in the installation of Dr. Crouser, preached at Bay View; with a number of other pastors met a committee of the Presbyterian Church with the view of securing title to the Bay View property; met with St. Luke's, San Francisco, with the congregation of Sanger, and also with the church council of St. Paul's, Fresno. Had conference with Revs. Gruver, Jatho, Gehrcke and Rippe. He also made two trips to Riverside, preaching for the congregation and conferring and advising with them.

Representatives from the Boards.—The California churches have been highly favored this year by representatives from the Boards.

The visit of Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., the esteemed President of the General Synod and the efficient Field Secretary of the Board

of Church Extension, was indeed an inspiration to all our pastors and congregations.

The visit of Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., the able Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, enlarged our vision and deepened our responsibility in the world-wide work of Foreign Missions.

It is with great pleasure we have received into our churches and at this convention Rev. Charles E. Hay, D.D., the worthy Secretary of our Deaconess Board and head of our Motherhouse at Baltimore, Md.

We are deeply grateful to these Boards for their keen interest in the work of our Synod, and hope these visits will result in a closer fellowship and deeper sympathy on the part of all.

Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation.—The General Synod's program for the celebration of this event is a very practical one (see Minutes of General Synod, pp. 13-19) and calls for the co-operation of every District Synod. Let the California Synod enter heartily into the plans of its special committee for the proper celebration of this occasion.

Fraternal Delegate.—Rev. J. E. Hoick was appointed fraternal delegate to the Pacific Synod which convened in San José.

Synodical Roll of Ministers.—My attention has been called to an error in the Synodical Roll, namely, that Rev. H. Gehrcke made application to California Synod April, 1892 (see Minutes, 1892, p. 29), and Rev. Charles F. Oehler, D.D., March 30, 1893 (see Minutes, 1893, p. 7), instead as now indicated.

Consolidation of Boards.—The consolidation of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the new plan of operation calls for corresponding action on the part of the California Synod.

D. Recommendations

1. That the plan of operation of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be approved, and that we earnestly co-operate with the new Board in putting it into effect.

2. That a Superintendent of Missions be elected at this convention of Synod.

3. That the error in the Synodical Roll of Ministers be corrected.

4. That hereafter the Treasurer of Synod have his books audited before the meeting of Synod and submit auditor's statement with his report.

E. Conclusion

And now, brethren, I return to you for consideration the responsibilities you placed upon me. A corps of devoted pastors has labored faithfully and important committees have considered

weighty matters and in some cases will report definite action for your consideration. May the Holy Spirit guide us that we may do the will of our blessed Master.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER.

Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix A.)

Treasurer's Supplemental Report

EXPENDITURES

Janitor at Santa Barbara	$5 00
Rev. J. E. Hoick	6 44
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, salary	25 00
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, printing, etc.	23 65
Rev. D. J. Snyder	16 00
Treasurer's traveling expenses	14 18
Lutheran Publication Society, balance 1913-14	38 00
Lutheran Publication Society for 1915	90 00
Treasurer's expenses, postage	5 95
Treasurer, fare to and from San Francisco	15 00
	$239 22

Fresno, Wartburg, sent $100 October 4, after the books were closed. Credit was given them for next year's apportionment.

List of Committees

President's Report.—Revs. W. H. Derr, O. H. Gruver, J. J. Chambers.

Conference Reports.—Revs.W. E. Crouser, D.D., G. P. Goll, R. W. Mottern.

Excuses.—Revs. G. H. Hillerman, N. N. Harter, Mr. H. C. Raup.

Traveling Expenses.—Revs. J. E. Hoick, H. C. Funk, Mr. W. H. Ebeling.

Letters and Papers.—Revs. C. F. Oehler, D.D., J. W. Ball, Ph.D., Mr. John Esterly.

Auditing.—Messrs. A. A. Maxwell, H. Rosselot, H. F. Rankin.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., H. C. Stafford, Mr. Conrad Schneider.

Young People's Societies.—Revs. J. W. Romich, S. W. Young, J. E. Stermer.

Resolutions.—Revs. H. J. Weaver, D.D., H. S. Feix, A. E. Isham.

Applications of Congregations.—Revs. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., E. H. Combs, P. S. Leisenring, M.D.

Claims.—Revs. H. C. Funk, H. H. Rippe, Mr. L. C. Smith.

Reporters for Church Papers.—Revs. W. E. Crouser, D.D., *Observer;* G. H. Hillerman, *Church Work;* H. S. Felix, *Zionsbote.*

Reporter for Local Paper.—Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Synodical Blanks.—Revs. H. J. Weaver, A. E. Isham, J. W. Romich, D. J. Snyder and G. H. Hillerman.

Brotherhoods.—Messrs. A. A. Maxwell, N. N. Fritz and W. H. Ebeling.

Accounting System.—Messrs. A. A. Maxwell and N. N. Fritz.

Hours of sessions, 9 A.M. to 12 M., 2 to 5 P.M., and 7.30 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D. Adjournment.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

MT. HERMON, CAL., OCT. 9, 1915, 2 P.M.

(Pre-session at 1.30 P.M. "Work of the Peace, Commission," W. C. Allen. Greetings to Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, by Rev. H. C. Funk. Response by Mrs. J. W. Ball.)

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Hay, D.D. Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod reports as follows:

The Secretary is deserving the appreciation of Synod for the uniform care and correctness with which he has handled the Minutes. They are skillfully condensed and the typographical work is faultless.

We would call attention to the following items: On page 15 of the Minutes, viz., "That California Synod ask the Board of Home Missions to assist financially in our immigration mission work." Has this been done, and with what response? The request was made.

On pages 15 and 16, referring to the four resolutions contained in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, have all these things been complied with? All complied with.

On page 29, "That Synod respectfully ask the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to assume $25 of the expense of printing last year's Minutes, if this meets with their approval." What report on this item? The money was paid.

On page 36, as to the Secretary of Synod's raising the amount of $225 promised St. Paul's Church, Fresno. What has been done? Raised $226, $21 being rebate secured from a creditor.

On same page. What have the pastors done in the way of endeavoring to have *Lutheran Church Work* placed in each family of our Synod? More subscribers than a year ago.

On page 33. What has been done to carry out the suggestions of the Directors of California Educational Institution? Report to be made later.

On pages 30 to 32 are found proposed amendments which will claim the consideration of Synod at this convention. On order for to-day.

We recommend that the resolutions passed by Synod be indicated by figure or letter to facilitate reference to them. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, N. N. HARTER,
for the Committee.

Amendments to the Constitution

1. To Art. IV, Sec. 1. The addition of the words, "a Superintendent of Missions."

2. Art. IV, Sec. 2. The addition of the words "except the Superintendent of Missions," so as to read, "the officers, except the Superintendent of Missions, shall," etc.

To Art. IV. A fourth section, which shall read, "The Superintendent of Missions shall be elected by the Home Mission Committee of Synod."

Article V

Sec. 6. *Superintendent of Missions.*—The Superintendent of Missions shall have general oversight of the missionary operations of Synod under the Home Mission Committee, of which committee he shall be the Secretary, but not a member.

1. He shall investigate new fields, canvass them, and, when possible, organize new congregations and remain in charge of them until suitable pastors are secured.

2. He shall have charge of the vacant mission pastorates of Synod,

serving them during their vacancy, if necessary, and shall endeavor to secure suitable pastors for them.

3. He shall seek in every proper way to help the missions and missionaries in their work, especially in their efforts towards a larger self-support.

Secs. 6 and 7 shall become Secs. 7 and 8 respectively.

Article VIII. Conferences

Sec. 1. Synod shall be divided into Northern and Southern sections, separated by the northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

These sections shall comprise a Northern Conference and a Southern Conference, to which conferences may be added a third, or German Conference, subject to the approval of Synod.

Sec. 2. The Conferences shall give attention to the local interests of the congregations belonging to them, and to the larger interest of the Church within their respective territories.

1. They shall assist in carrying into effect the decisions of the Synod.

2. They shall examine cases of discipline and appeals from the decisions of congregations and church councils, and report their findings to Synod.

3. They shall give attention to important doctrinal and practical discussions and to the preaching of the word of God.

4. They shall look after Home Mission interests in their respective territories.

5. They shall attend to such other duties as are committed to them by the Synod, or by the congregations, when these do not conflict with the work specifically committed to the Synod itself.

Sec. 3. Each Conference shall meet at least once a year. Special sessions may be called by the President of the Synod, the President of the Conference, or as the Conference itself may determine.

Lay delegates shall be sent to the meetings of the Conferences under the same regulations and with the same privileges as to meetings of the Synod.

Ministers and congregations shall elect to which Conference they will belong, when territorial boundaries overlap.

Sec. 4. The records and proceedings of Conferences, of their officers and committees, shall be submitted to Synod for examination and review. To this end they should be placed in the hands of the President of Synod at least four weeks in advance of its meeting, to be referred by him to the proper committee of Synod.

Sec. 5. Each Conference may provide for the appointment of a committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, which commit-

tee shall have charge of the extension of the work of the Church in its own territory, in connection with the Home Mission Committee of Synod.

Article XII. Standing Committees

Sec. 1. The standing committees of the Synod, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, or by action of the Synod, shall be appointed by the President after each annual convention. So far as possible there shall be lay representation in each committee. Committee No. 6 shall consist entirely of laymen. Committee No. 3 shall consist entirely of clergymen.

These standing committees, each of which, except Committee No. 1, shall consist of three members, shall be the following:

1. Home Mission Committee.
2. Ministerial Education.
3. Examination, Licensure and Ordination.
4. State of the Church.
5. Minutes of Synod.
6. Lutheran Brotherhoods.
7. Executive.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission Committee shall consist of six members, elected by the Synod, three from the Northern and three from the Southern sections of the Synod, two of whom may be laymen, in addition to the President of Synod, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the committee and its chairman; the Superintendent of Missions shall be its secretary. Upon the adoption of this amendment the Synod shall elect one member from each section to serve one year, one member to serve two years and one member to serve three years. Thereafter one member from each section of the Synod shall be elected annually for a term of three years. This committee shall exercise a general supervision over the extension of the Church within the bounds of the Synod, prosecuting the work with the advice and assistance of the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Home Mission Committees of the Conferences.

Report of California 1915 Committee

Your committee is happy to say that the Exposition season gave ample opportunity of service to our visiting Lutherans. Rev. H. S. Feix, of St. Mark's, carried on a correspondence of 329 letters, found lodgings for 736, accompanied by automobile 321 persons through Golden Gate Park and to the Exposition, spent $84.30 in carfares, meals, etc. A fairly extensive correspondence was conducted by the pastor of the First Church, where the pulpit was occupied by a series of our leading pastors from many parts of

our country, and lectures were kindly given by a number of our returning missionaries from India. By dispensation of the Board of Foreign Missions we enjoyed a singular privilege in extending commissions to seven of our outgoing missionaries to India in a formal service on October 3. Representatives of the Luther League of the Pacific Coast, together with delegates of Lutheran Synods united in one of the best attended sessions of its kind.

H. S. FEIX, *Chairman.*
JOHN R. BRAEUER, *Secretary.*

Report of Archivist

Your Archivist begs to attest the careful preservation of Synod's records throughout the year Pastors are requested to file among the archives their programs or papers of special events in their congregations.

J. R. BRAEUER.

Report of the Committee on the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation

Your committee has noted with pleasure and satisfaction the very extensive plans for a worthy celebration of this important anniversary year. It promises to be very widely observed by the Protestant churches generally, inasmuch as the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has already recommended its observance by all of its constituent bodies.

Among the ecclesiastical bodies of our own Church, this celebration gives promise of proceeding along two main lines, that of the Missouri and allied Synods on the one hand, and that in which the General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod of the South, the Joint Synod of Ohio, the German Iowa Synod, and possibly others, are co-operating, on the other. Perhaps never before have so many general bodies and independent Synods co-operated in the practical activities of the Church as in this latter undertaking. It is a kind of federation in itself.

In this connection it may be proper to call attention to the Federation of Lutheran Churches which has already been launched, the organization of which is to be completed in the anniversary year. This Federation will include practically all the above-named bodies outside of the Missouri and allied Synods.

The comprehensive nature of the celebration proposed by these Synods and general bodies may be gathered from the following summary from the report of our General Synod Committee given in the *Lutheran Church Work,* June 5, 1915:

"The plan, among other things, calls for simultaneous meetings of official bodies, joint celebrations, congregational local, state and national, including one or two national meetings.

"There is to be a doctrinal emphasis in lectures on Lutheranism. The committee proposes the making of slides, and the preparation of lectures on the subject. Chautauqua reading courses are suggested. The Protestant colleges and universities of the nation will be asked to give a place to Reformation themes and principles in the programs of their commencements. A thorough campaign of publicity in magazines and all other periodicals will be prosecuted, and the publication of worthy pamphlets and books will be fostered and stimulated." The general plan provides for the raising of funds aggregating $10,000,000, to be used for education, missions and pensions for aged and disabled pastors.

The plan of observance in our own Synod should include (1) a wider publicity for the general work of the Church. Pastors might very profitably offer to the local press in our cities items of sufficient general interest as they appear in our church papers and in the *American Lutheran Survey*. It should include also (2) the effort to see that standard literature bearing on the Reformation and on the teachings of our Church, including leading periodicals, be found in our public libraries and reading rooms. It should be our effort, further (3) to extend our work in the State, especially by earnest efforts to bring as many as possible of our missions to self-support. Commendable progress is already being made in this direction.

We should be thoroughly alert to the fact that we are on the eve of the greatest opportunity of a century to bring the work of our churches into favorable public notice. If we fail in this the fault will be mainly our own. We should be prepared to co-operate in every way possible toward making this anniversary the great event it should be.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
Chairman.

Report of Temperance Committee

Your special Committee on Temperance reports as follows:

Since our last Synodical session many important things have come to pass in the world making very interesting temperance history. The great cause of temperance never before received such world recognition. And the signs of the times herald the complete overthrow of King Alcohol in the near future.

Among the warring nations of Europe active steps have been taken to throttle or entirely wipe out this terrible curse of strong drink.

Since the war began the Czar of all the Russians, by one stroke of his pen, made his entire nation prohibition.

England has gone partially "dry," and to set the example, King George has banished all intoxicants from the royal household.

The Chamber of Deputies of France has passed a very drastic prohibitive measure by an overwhelming vote.

Italy, within the past few months, has reduced her 6000 saloons to 2000.

In our own country most notable progress has been made that ought to rejoice the heart of every Christian.

Eighteen of our sovereign States are now prohibition, or will be as soon as their Constitutional amendments already adopted shall become effective. And to add to that glorious array, on September 14, 1915, South Carolina became the nineteenth State by a tremendous vote, every county having voted "dry."

Local option has placed a large portion of each of the other States in the Union in "dry territory." Nearly 80 per cent of the area of our entire country is now "dry," making sixty millions of our people living in "dry territory." This, we think, is great cause for rejoicing. Under local option some of our States have taken most wonderful steps, notably Minnesota.

The liquor forces deny that the consumption of liquor has materially decreased in the face of the very fact that the Collector of Internal Revenue, for the year ending June 30, 1915, reports its decrease of 2.15 gallons per capita. The revenues have decreased over twenty millions of dollars, and 15,000 rum shops have been put out of business.

On last July 6-9, 10,000 delegates from all over the country assembled at Atlantic City in the greatest Temperance Convention ever held in this country. And on June 2, at Fresno, 600 wide-awake men and women wrestled earnestly in convention, laying plans for another "California Dry Campaign."

The following great daily papers have given up liquor advertising: *The Saturday Evening Blade,* of Chicago; *The North American* and *Public Ledger,* of Philadelphia; *The Gazette and Leader,* of Pittsburgh, and the *Outlook* has refused cigarette ads. To this the Associated College Newspaper Publishers have joined in the fight against liquor by barring all liquor ads from their columns.

Sweet wines are being squeezed out of the markets and their manufacture discouraged by the government tax increased from 8 to 55 cents per gallon.

We rejoice that our General Synod, at its last session at Akron, Ohio, ratified its former action at Atchison in 1913, to inaugurate a denominational temperance movement, in direct line with other

denominations. And to direct this work Rev. Dr. W. H. Gotwald, of Washington, D. C., has been elected "General Secretary of Temperance."

We recommend the following:

1. That our Synod continue to work in hearty accord with the work of the State Anti-Saloon League.

2. That our Synod does not approve the owning saloon property, or signing liquor licenses, or holding property for immoral purposes, or directly or indirectly engaging in the manufacture or sale of intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. MOTTERN,
GEORGE P. GOLL.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Chambers.

Adjourned to meet at 7.30 P.M.

ADJOURNED SESSION

MT. HERMON, CAL., OCT. 9, 1915, 7.30 P.M.

Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry

Your committee has had before it for examination, Rev. Joseph Ernst Stermer, a licentiate of West Pennsylvania Synod, who applied to this Synod for ordination.

After carefully examining the brother in the topics required by Synod, your commitee is satisfied of his fitness for ordination, and recommends that he be ordained by this Synod on Sunday morning, October 10, and that the sermon be preached by Rev. J. W. Romich.

Owing to absence of Rev. A. Jatho, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., was appointed to conduct the examination in Rev. Jatho's stead.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
for the Committee.

Approved by the Ministerium and recommended by it to Synod for favorable action.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary of Ministerium.

Report of Committee on Conferences

Your committee has examined the Minutes of both the Southern and the Northern Conferences.

We find in the minutes of the former nothing requiring the attention of this convention. In the minutes of the latter occurs a resolution apropos to the organization of a German Conference, but as this matter is already covered in an amendment to our Constitution, we make no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER,
R. W. MOTTERN,
GEORGE PHILIP GOLL.

The Lord's Prayer. Adjournment.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Oct. 10, 1915, 11 a.m.

The full morning order in the Common Service was followed. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Romich, on the theme, "The Work of the Lutheran Minister." Text, 1 Tim. 4 : 6-16.

Following this Rev. Joseph Ernst Stermer was ordained to the gospel ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the laying on of hands, conducted by the officers of Synod.

The evening services were in charge of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. J. H. Harpster delivering an illustrated address on the work in India.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Monday, Oct. 11, 1915, 9 a.m.

Devotional service by Rev. H. C. Funk, "The Consolations of the Sanctuary."

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Derr.

Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Report of the Statistical Secretary

Mr. President: The Statistician has received reports from twenty-nine congregations of the Synod. These reports have been corrected and tabulated. The final report is posted for examination. Increases and losses are shown to be as follows:

Communicant Members	gain	12 per cent
Value of Church Property	gain	3 per cent
Sunday School Scholars	gain	5 per cent
Church Benevolence	gain	15 per cent
External Objects	loss	14 per cent
Total Benevolence	gain	32 per cent
Contributions for Home Missions	loss	10 per cent
Grand Total Contributions	gain	10 per cent

(See Appendix C.)

We recommend that the per capita apportionment be $2.30, an increase of 2 cents for General Synod, 5 cents for Synodical Treasury and 3 cents for Home Missions, to be divided as follows:

General Synod	$0 07
Synodical Treasury	15
Home Missions	40
Foreign Missions	32
Church Extension	26
Board of Education	20
Ministerial Education	10
Pastors' Fund	10
Deaconess Board	10
Home for the Aged	05
Tabitha Home	05
California Home Missions	50
	$2 30

The apportionment table for the congregations has been completed, and is herewith submitted. (See Appendix B.)

Respectfully submitted, A. E. ISHAM,
Statistical Secretary.

Report of Committee on the State of the Church

Seven churches show an average attendance at morning worship exceeding their membership; 1 church reports attendance exceeding membership at both services; 3 report their largest attendance at evening; 1 shows only 26 per cent of attendance of membership; 2 only 36 per cent at the best service; 4 fall below 50 per cent.

Accessions: By baptism is way in the lead, next is confirmation, then by letter, closely followed by restoration. While over 850

members were received, nearly half that number were lost. Two churches had a net loss.

Attendance of children and youth: 5 were poor, 1 not answered, 9 fair, 1 improving and 10 good.

Catechisation: 13 report 167; 2 did not say, 11 say "yes," without giving the number.

Apportionment: 12 paid in full, 9 of these in excess; 15 a deficit.

Financial condition: 1 is difficult, 1 overstrained, 1 passable, 1 hopeful, 8 fair, 13 good, 1 "O. K.," 1 really good.

Mid-week prayer meeting: 14 have an average attendance of from 8 to 25, 1, not regular, has 150, and 12 have no service.

Sunday school: 16 exceed the church membership, the lowest average is 47 per cent, 1 reports 105 per cent.

(*a*) Graded: 7 are, 5 partly, 17 have organized classes.

(*b*) Home Department: 10.

(*c*) Cradle Roll: 12.

(*d*) Teachers: 9 have good ones, 15 fair, 2 poor.

(*e*) Contributions: fine.

(*f*) Literature: 22 use Augsburg series, 6 other Lutheran series, 1 uses partly Cook's, 16 take *Lutheran Young People,* 2 use Cook's papers, 2 use *Little Ones,* 1 *Lutheran Boys and Girls.*

Young People's Societies: 15 are Christian Endeavor, 5 Luther Leagues, 1 Wartburg, 1 Jugend Verein.

For average attendance: 10 is the lowest, 78 the highest, with an average of 30 members enrolled for each society. Four Intermediate, 3 Junior. Only 6 report over $50 paid out.

Woman's Home and Foreign and Missionary Society: 15 societies report from 4 to 85 members. Activity: 5 fair, 9 good, 1 excellent.

Men's League: 1—a joke.

Ladies' Aid: 25; membership ranging from 10 to 123, with 6 having over 50. There are 2 Mission Bands and 4 other societies.

Churches reducing Home Mission aid: 11 reduced the amount of aid; least, $25; highest, $200.

Salary: Is paid promptly by 20 congregations, nearly so by 1, fairly so by 2, not so by 4.

Current debts: In 8 churches, while 13 have paid $6908 on indebtedness, only 1 has increased its debt.

How money is raised: 3 depend on the envelope system, 3 on subscriptions, 12 on subscriptions and envelopes, 2 on subscriptions, envelopes and entertainments, 2 on subscriptions and assessments, 1 adds bazaars to the last list, and 1 runs the whole gamut.

Improvements: 11 churches have made improvements, mostly interior; 1 has added a building that will become the parsonage, 1 has dedicated a new church.

Religious and spiritual work in the congregations:

(*a*) Bible study: 10 reported good, 2 interest growing, 5 but little.

(*b*) Family devotions: 1 fifty per cent, 8 a few, 2 say many, 7 don't know.

(*c*) Activity in reaching unsaved: 1 reports none; 5 reports some, 4 gospel preaching, 5 personal work, 2 Lutheran methods.

(*d*) What concern is shown among the unsaved: Very little and none are unanimous.

(*e*) Hindrances to deeper spiritual life: Indifference, jealousy, formality, hypocrisy, gossip, secret sins, pleasure, money, wide-open Sunday, Sunday work, Exposition, lack of Lutheran consciousness, financial strain, lack of time, and the same old devil.

(*f*) Other discouraging features: Men out of work, transient population, losses from Sunday school, location of the church, disbelief, quarreling, liquor and gambling.

(*g*) Encouragements: Faithful workers, the Sunday school, love of the church, new material, large field, harmony and generosity, Lutheran consciousness, Swedish Lutherans becoming interested, ability to ignore discouragements, promises of God, God's Spirit.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. COMBS,
for the Committee.

Report of Delegates to General Synod

Your delegation to the General Synod submits the following report:

The Forty-seventh Biennial Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, May 26 to June 2, 1915.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.; Treasurer, Mr. George H. Knollenberg.

All the delegates of the California Synod were present, with the exception of Mr. J. F. Reimer. None of the alternates was able to go in his stead.

The keynote of the Convention was sounded by the President, when he said, "The Lutheran Church of the General Synod is both a conservative and a progressive body. She is faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as so clearly and scripturally set forth by Dr. Martin Luther, but she is also in harmony with the progressive spirit of the twentieth century." This progressive spirit is very evident from the following advance steps taken by the General Synod.

I. CONSOLIDATION OF HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION BOARDS

The Executive Committee, in its report, recommended the merging

of these two Boards. After the item had been referred to a committee of five eminent lawyers, it was adopted without a dissenting voice. (See General Synod Minutes, pp. 9, 10, 15.)

II. BOARD OF INNER MISSIONS

The General Synod, after hearing the report of its Committee on Inner Missions, unanimously adopted a resolution to elect a Board of Inner Missions. This Board is to consist of five pastors and two laymen. No apportionment is to be laid for its work, but the Executive Committee of the General Synod shall make such appropriation as it deems necessary and sufficient from the funds of the General Synod. (See Minutes, pp. 29-31.)

III. MERGING CHURCH PAPERS

A resolution was adopted providing for the purchase of the *Lutheran Observer* by the Lutheran Publication Society, and the combining of it with *Lutheran Church Work,* under the name of *Lutheran Church Work and Observer,* the same to be under the control of the Church Paper Committee of the General Synod.

IV. LAY READERS

The General Synod adopted the recommendation of its Lay Reader Committee, that congregational lay readers, having the proper qualifications and under certain conditions, may serve acceptably in the individual congregations, and also that Synodical lay readers may serve, under the supervision of Synod. (See Minutes, pp. 179-185.)

V. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES

The desire for larger co-operation with other Lutheran bodies is manifested in the united preparation of a Common Hymnal for the General Synod, United Synod of the South and General Council, and in the joint preparation of Lutheran Sunday School Lessons and literature; also in acceptance of the Lutheran Federation idea and in entering the joint Lutheran celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation.

VI. THE FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

The committee on the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, reported and advised:

1. The celebration of the occasion by simultaneous official meetings of General Bodies and joint congregational, state and national celebrations.

2. The publication and distribution of literature concerning Luther and the Reformation.

3. The raising of a Million Dollar Luther Memorial Fund, to be used for educational work of Synod.

VII. REPORTS OF BOARDS

The Board of Foreign Missions reported an increase of receipts over the preceding biennium of $16,731.46, a force of 42 missionaries laboring in India and 18 in Africa, a new mission field entered at New Amsterdam, South America, and 10 churches and 2 individuals supporting their own missionaries.

The Home Mission Board reported an increase in receipts of $20,789.21 over the former biennium. During this biennium 274 missions were aided, 44 new missions undertaken and 22 assumed self-support.

The Board of Church Extension reported total assets $875,396.35. During the biennium 35 congregations were aided with loans and 300 with donations.

The Deaconess Board reduced its debt $15,000.

The Board of Education reported an increase of receipts of $9772.

The Board of Publication, both in increased receipts and in a larger production and circulation of periodicals, made splendid progress.

VIII. APPORTIONMENT

The apportionment for each year of the ensuing biennium, for the nine objects apportioned by the General Synod will be $1.55 per capita, or 5 cents greater than the last two years. This increase is as follows: Home Missions, 3 cents; General Synod, 2 cents. This makes our annual apportionment the next two years for these objects $4745.

Though your delegation had no special instructions from Synod, yet because of its interest in the proposed California Educational Institution, it put itself on record as opposed to the establishment of a Girls' College by the General Synod at the present time.

During the convention many weighty questions were discussed, but always in the most courteous and Christian spirit. Your delegation desires to express its appreciation in representing this Synod at the convention.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, your committee presents the following resolutions:

1. That the apportionment suggested by the General Synod be adopted.

2. That in the advanced steps the General Synod has taken, the California Synod heartily co-operate. Especially in the raising of the Million Dollar Luther Memorial Fund for education.

3. That the pastors of the California Synod continue to give the *Lutheran Church Work,* the official church paper, their loyal support.

4. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the delegation the sum of $28.75 for expenses incurred while at Akron.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. E. CROUSER,
GEORGE PHILIP GOLL.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee on the President's Report begs leave to submit the following:

The report gives evidence of careful work by the President, and chronicles progress in almost every department of Synodical activity.

The report contains four recommendations:

No. 1 will be covered by the report of Home Mission Committee.

No. 2 has been disposed of by action of Synod in the amendments adopted.

Nos. 3 and 4 are recommended to Synod for adoption.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. CHAMBERS,
W. H. DERR,
O. H. GRUVER.

Report of Committee on Application of New Congregations

The papers placed in the hands of your committee are the application of Immanuel congregation, of Bay View, San Francisco, and the constitution of this church. We find the constitution to be that recommended by our Board of Home Missions. We recommend that the congregation be received into Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
E H. COMBS,

Report of Sunday School Committee

Your committee notes a steady progress from year to year in this branch of our activity. The best material of our membership is ordinarily the product of church school and confirmation classes. In order to conserve the Lutheran consciousness in the young amid a population largely migratory, the committee urges an emphasis on catechism memory work in the schools, thus fixing the basic

principles of our faith on plastic minds; the use of the stated order of service, as printed in our Augsburg Lessons, and the introduction of Lutheran hymnals.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN R. BRAEUER.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D. Adjournment.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Monday, Oct. 11, 1915, 2.30 p.m.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard. Roll-call. Minutes approved.

Report of the Home Mission Committee

Your committee met regularly each month during the year, except during the month of August. It has given careful attention to the affairs of the various missions and to the matters in general that were committed to it.

The year has been a trying one in several respects. The prevailing financial depression has tended to reduce receipts, and also to prevent many persons from assuming new obligations, including those of church membership, while some members have hindered from regular and faithful attendance Notwithstanding, commendable progress has been made. A larger degree of self-support has been assumed by many of the missions. In general, a healthy condition prevails. For these evidences of divine favor devout thanks are due to our gracious Father in heaven.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS

A vacancy was created in the committee and in the office of Superintendent of Missions by the resignation of Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., which became effective January 1, 1915. He is now the energetic pastor of our Oakland mission.

The office of Missionary Superintendent has not been filled. The Board of Home Missions declined to approve the filling of the vacancy prior to the meeting of the General Synod, on account of the proposed consolidation of the Board of Church Extension with the Board of Home Missions. Finding that this would bring the election into the summer months, when Church work is at a standstill, your committee deemed it best further to delay the selection of this officer until the meeting of the Synod.

Several important considerations should guide in the filling of this office. First, it should be clearly understood that, although he holds the title of Superintendent of Missions, the title preferred by the Home Mission Board, nevertheless his duties are primarily those of a Synodical missionary. Second, in view of the fact that many of our most promising fields, especially in the northern part of the State, are among the Germans, this officer should be in full sympathy with the German work, and, if possible, should be able to speak the German language. It is important that these considerations be kept in mind in the filling of this important office.

SELF-SUPPORTING

It is with great pleasure that we record the fact that St. Andrew's congregation, of San Francisco, became self-supporting during the year, their last appropriation having expired June 1. We heartily congratulate pastor and people upon this splendid undertaking, and wish them the Lord's richest blessing upon their efforts.

NEW MISSIONS

No new work has been undertaken during the year, except the organization of the work at Bay View, San Francisco.

The congregation at Bay View, San Francisco was organized April 4, with 56 charter members and a Sunday school of 79 members. Since then 8 members have been added to the church and 43 to the Sunday school. This work has been conducted by Rev. S. W. Young at a monthly outlay of $25 by the Synod.

Promising new fields at Eureka, Point Richmond, Fresno, San Diego and Los Angeles are being urged upon the attention of your committee. All indications point to the taking up of several of these during the year upon which we have entered.

APPROPRIATIONS

The appropriations to the various missions aggregate $11,825. This is a reduction of $1090 from the appropriations of the previous Synodical year. Through the vacancy in the office of Missionary Superintendent the Board has been saved an outlay of $531.25 additional, a total of $1621.25.

Reductions have been made by the following congregations:

St. Andrew's, San Francisco	$200
Trinity, Long Beach	200
Wartburg, Fresno	150
St. Mark's, Los Angeles	100
St. Paul's, Seattle, Wash.	120
St. Matthew's, San Francisco	80

First, Redlands	$0 50
St. Paul's, Los Angeles	50
St. Paul's, Sanger	40
Grace, Santa Barbara	25
St. Luke's, San Francisco	25
Grace, San José,	25
St. Paul's, Fresno	25
	$1090

This is surely a very creditable showing.

In view of the frequent criticism that missions are too reluctant to make reductions in the appropriations asked for, your committee felt constrained to adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Home Mission Committee of California Synod hereby declines to endorse any application for renewal of aid from the Home Mission Board that does not carry with it a reduction of at least $25 from the appropriation of the preceding year.

Resolved, That this rule shall not be deviated from except for extraordinary reasons.

Increased appropriation. In order to secure a pastor at Glendale, it was found necessary to ask for an increase of $200 from the Home Mission Board. The request was granted.

Supplementary appropriations were granted from the Synodical Home Mission Fund in aid of the Alameda congregation, to the amount of $160, making the salary $1000. A grant of $100 was also made to the Riverside congregation to enable it to secure the services of Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., retiring pastor of the First Church of Los Angeles.

DETAILED REPORT

A detailed report of the individual missions will be found in the parochial tables of the Statistical Secretary's report.

PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

The plan of operation of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension provides (1) for the creation of a Home Mission and Church Extension Council, to which each Synod shall elect one representative. This Council is to be advisory to the Board. Its members are to be elected for a term of two years. The plan provides also (2) for what is known as the Budget System, each Synod thus administering its own Home Mission affairs through its own district or Synodical Home Mission Committee.

This committee is to be elected by the Synod and consist of at least five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Synod and two of whom may be laymen.

1. "This committee shall elect a President, a Secretary and a

Treasurer, but the Treasurer shall not be the same as the Treasurer of the Synod.

2. "This committee shall hold monthly or quarterly meetings, as may be necessary, and shall hear reports, consider all applications for aid and the needs of all missions and new fields on their territory. Each district shall bear the expenses of its own committee.

3. "This committee shall have charge of all the detail work of Home Missions and Church Extension work on their territory. They shall confer with the General Superintendent of the Board and with him make out a budget for the necessary funds for their territory for the year or the biennium, and shall submit the same for consideration and action to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. They shall receive monthly all amounts from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and shall pay monthly the salaries of the missionaries on their territory. These vouchers shall be sent out by the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and, unless otherwise ordered, direct to each missionary. Should a mission become vacant during the year, the amount appropriated such mission shall be deducted from the monthly payment. They shall make all appropriations for missionaries' salaries on their territory, subject to approval of the Board as hereinafter provided. They shall receive quarterly reports from all missions on their territory and shall submit, quarterly or semi-annually, a tabulated report to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

"If desired, they shall elect a District or Synodical Missionary Superintendent, the salary of whom shall be paid by the Synod, except in special cases, of which the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall be the judge. The Synodical Home Missionary Superintendent shall also act as Secretary for the committee and make reports annually in full to the District Synod.

"They shall make a thorough investigation of the needs for salary of missionaries, and for funds necessary for building operations, and shall keep in touch with the Board and co-operate in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the work. They shall not elect such a Synodical Missionary Superintendent without the consent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; nor shall the committee appoint any missionary, outside of their Synod, without the advice and consent of the Board.

"If more funds are necessary for their work on the territory than appropriated by the Board, the committee shall make a recommendation to the Synod for an appropriation sufficient to cover the same, or secure the sum needed in any manner directed by the Synod or District.

"All the matters in this paragraph (No. 3) shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

4. "All commissions to the missionaries shall be issued by this Board.

5. "The term of office for the members of this Missionary Committee shall be three (3) years. They shall be elected by the Synod, and it is suggested that such election be done in rotation.

6. "In order to bring the work of Church Extension to a self-sustaining basis, the Missionary Committee shall confer with the Board and shall arrange for a sum in full, which on the basis of the missions returning their loans in five (5) years, would be sufficient to meet the demands on their territory.

7. "All mortgage and other obligations given by the missions shall be held by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and all moneys paid on loans or donations shall be paid to the same Board."

EXPENSES

In addition to appropriations to Bay View Mission in San Francisco ($25 a month), Christ Church, of Alameda ($160), and Trinity Church, of Riverside ($100), the following items have been paid from the Synodical Home Mission Fund:

Moving expenses of missionaries	$85 00
Dedication at Seattle (Dr. J. J. Yutzy)	10 00
Note of former H. M. Com., for St. Paul's, Fresno	100 00
Rev. J. A. Flickinger, supply of Glendale	22 00
Rev. J. E. Stermer, expenses to Phœnix and return	80 00
Traveling expenses of Missionary Superintendent	15 00
Immigration Conference at Los Angeles	5 00
Secretary's book, postage, etc.	4 80
Traveling expenses for meetings of committee	18 65

GENERAL SUMMARY

Total accessions of missions (including infant baptism)	676
Confirmed members	2641
Gain in membership	311
Contributed for benevolence	$3537 00
Gain in benevolence	556 00
Total contributions	32231 00
Loss in total contributions	1103 00
Net reduction of appropriations	1421 25

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted:

1. That Synod accept the outline plan of operation of the

new Home Mission and Church Extension Board, and authorize the next Home Mission Committee of Synod to adopt the budget system of administration.

2. That the Synod elect a representative on the Home Mission and Church Extension Council, as requested by the Board.

3. That the resolutions of the committee on reduction of appropriations in amounts of at least $25 from appropriations of the previous year be approved, and become a standing rule of Synod.

4. That the Treasurer of Synod pay the California Home Mission funds to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee on the first of each month.

Respectfuly submitted, JESSE W. BALL, *Secretary for the Committee.*

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

Your committee would report as follows:

1. That student Fred C. Maurer, formerly of the First Church, San Francisco, now ranks as a conditional freshman at Midland College, Atchison, Kan. We recommend that aid to the amount of $125 per year be given him.

2. That Frederick Weisenborn, of St. Paul's, Los Angeles, has applied for aid. We recommend that he be aided at Midland College in the sum of $125 per year.

3. That student Paul Swickard, from St. Luke's, San Francisco, has made splendid progress in Wittenberg College during the past year, and is now regular in the sophomore class. By his own industry he earned and enjoyed the Wittenberg Summer School course.

4. Your committee is glad to report that Mr. Rudolph S. E. Dogge, now attending school in Berkeley, has fully decided to enter Hamma Divinity School in September, 1916. We recommend such encouragement as may be within the Synod's power.

5. That Alfred Anderson, of San Diego, has entered the United Norwegian Seminary, at St. Paul, Minn.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. FUNK,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
WM. R. SWICKARD.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

Your Committee on Letters and Papers has received four letters:

1. One from Dr. F. G. Gotwald, extending the greetings to Synod of the Board of Education, and asking Synod to allow Pastor Ball

to represent the cause of education before convention of Synod. We recommend that Dr. Ball be given opportunity to do so.

2. A letter by Rev. S. S. Waltz, chairman General Synod's Brotherhood Committee, brings to our notice the steady growth of that movement, and urges Synod to bring it to the favorable attention of the men of our congregations. Referred to Resolutions Committee.

3. Still another letter was received from Mr. P. A. Elsesser, Treasurer of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the General Synod, enclosing resolutions to be approved by all the District Synods, enlarging the usefulness of the movement. We recommend that these resolutions be presented to Synod for action.

4. A fourth letter came from Rev. A. B. Leamer, of Des Moines, in regard to a conference to be held sometime next summer by the western Synods for the purpose of counseling on the special educational and missionary needs of the West, and asking for the sending of delegates from Synod, the Missionary Society and Brotherhood. We recommend that if no delegates can be secured, the President of Synod send at least a letter of cordial greeting to the above-mentioned conference.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES F. OEHLER,
J. W. BALL.

Report of delegate to Pacific Synod, Rev. J. E. Hoick, emphasized the friendly relations between the two bodies.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D. Adjournment.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Monday, Oct. 11, 1915, 7.30 p.m.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service of the organization of California Synod was fittingly celebrated with an illustrated address by Rev. J. E. Hoick, of Los Angeles.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1915, 9 a.m.

Devotional service, Rev. H. C. Funk, "Under the Shadow

of the Almighty." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Derr. Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

We recognize the fact that the Young People's work of our Synod is one of the very important departments of our church work. During the past year there has been a small gain in the number of societies and membership. There has been a decrease in the amount of money contributed for benevolent purposes in our own Church. There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of our Young People's Societies to divert their offerings to external objects, and pass by the claims of their own Church.

Several pastors find a part of their discouragements come from Christian Endeavor Unions, that make claims upon their young people which interfere with the loyal support of their own congregations. Such Christian Endeavor Unions are untrue to the great aim of the Christian Endeavor Society.

We recommend that pastors interest themselves more in the Unions, and insist on their rightful position as leaders and counselors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROMICH,
S. W. YOUNG,
J. E. STERMER.

Report of Committee on Claims

Bills have been presented, as follows:

Rev. George H. Hillerman, for postage, telegrams, telephone and expressage	$8 00
Rev. J. W. Ball, Reformation Anniversary letters	1 35
Rev. A. E. Isham, expenses as Stat. Sec.	2 50
Total	$11 85

We recommend that these bills be allowed.

H. C. FUNK,
H. H. RIPPE.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have carefully checked the books of the Treasurer with his report for the year ending September, 15, 1915, and find that they agree.

We could not, however, verify the cash on hand for the reason

that the Treasurer did not bring with him a statement from the bank.

Respectfully submitted, A. A. MAXWELL,
for the Committee.

Received with the thanks of Synod to the committee.

Report of Directors of the California Educational Institution

The Directors of the California Educational Institution were unable to put into operation the plan proposed at the last convention. (See Minutes, p. 33.)

We still express our profoundest conviction that such an institution as proposed is a positive necessity for the efficient prosecution of our California work, and our purpose to establish such an institution on the basis proposed as soon as possible.

We have appointed Rev. O. H. Gruver as financial agent for the proposed institution, to solicit funds with a view to the earliest possible opening of the institution.

We recomend that this Board be authorized to continue this campaign for funds during the next two years as a part of the campaign of the General Synod, to raise $1,000,000 for education.

We recommend, further, that the Board of Education be and is hereby requested to contribute an additional amount from the special Reformation Anniversary Fund, above referred to, equal to that raised by this Synod. The whole to be invested in the proposed educational institution of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. CROUSER, *President.*
O. H. GRUVER, *Secretary.*

Invitations for next convention received from the First Lutheran Church, San Francisco; Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, and the Mt. Hermon Association. Invitation from Long Beach accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounting System

Resolved, 1. That all funds of this Synod in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Treasurers of the various Boards and committees of Synod shall be kept and deposited in the bank in his name as Treasurer of Synod, or of the Board or committee of which he is Treasurer.

2. That the Treasurer of Synod and the Treasurers of the various Boards or committees shall be required to give surety bond cov-

ering their responsibility for such funds as they may hold by them, the premium on such bond to be paid by the body of which he is Treasurer. That the amount of the bond for the Treasurer of Synod may be fixed from year to year by action of Synod, as recommended by the Auditor or Auditors, and that the amount of such bond for the current year, and until changed in accordance with the above, shall be one thousand dollars ($1000), and the amount of the bond of the Home Mission Committee shall be one thousand dollars ($1000), or such amount as said committee shall determine from time to time. And the amount of the bond of the Treasurers of such other Boards and committees as shall be established by Synod, shall be fixed by the body of which he shall be Treasurer.

3. That in order to relieve the Treasurer of the laborious task of preparing his annual reports, and that the accounting be more efficient, we recommend that a committee be appointed to install a system of accounting that will insure accuracy and at the same time facilitate the work of the Treasurer and permit the Auditing Committee to make satisfactory reports for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. MAXWELL,
N. N. FRITZ.

Prayer by Rev. N. N. Harter. Adjournment.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1915, 2 p.m.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.

Roll-call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Traveling Expenses

Your Committee on Traveling Expenses would report the total expenses of transportation to and from Synod to be $177.40. Apportioned among twenty-four congregations it amounts to $7.40 each.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK,
H. C. FUNK,
W. H. EBELING.

Tellers appointed for election: Messrs. N. N. Fritz, W. H. Ebeling and H. A. Rosselot. (For result, see Calendar, p. 3.)

Greetings from Pacific Synod were extended by Rev. H. M. Leech, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Berkeley, Cal.

Report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses

Your committee reports the following brethren absent from this convention of Synod, from whom reasonable excuses have been received: Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D.D., A. Jatho, W. Brandes, H. S. Feix, J. Gutleben, J. C. Pedersen, M. F. Rinker, E. F. A. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart, Aug. Bahr, J. K. Reed, Carl Legler, G. A. Hiden, H. C. Stafford, E. G. Lund, D.D., and E. Junghaus. We recommend they be excused.

The following are absent without excuse known to the committee: Revs. H. Gehrcke, L. C. Routzahn, W. J. Roehmer, C. A. Walton and J. A. Miller. We recommend they be not excused.

The following came late to Synod and have given excuse to the committee: Revs. C. F. Oehler, D.D., J. E. Hoick, J. J. Chambers and H. H. Rippe. We recommend they be excused.

The following have left Synod early and were excused by the committee: Revs. W. H. Derr, J. J. Chambers and W. Morenz-Oeser. We ask that this be approved.

The following left early without excuse: Revs. J. W. Romich and J. E. Hoick. We recommend they be not excused.

We recommend that all absent laymen be excused.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
N. N. HARTER,
H. CRAIG RAUP.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

(Presented by the committee and others during the convention.)

1. *Resolved*, That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

2. *Resolved,* That we, as a Synod, express our appreciation of the entertainment extended to us by the Mt. Hermon Association, especially thanking Dr. G. A. Blair and his helpers for their kindly solicitude in behalf of our comfort.

3. *Resolved,* That we endorse the magazine, "The Bible Champion," the organ of the Bible League of North America.

4. *Resolved* That a list of the churches of our Synod, showing street location, be published annually in our Minutes.

5. *Resolved,* That we pledge anew our loyalty to all the Boards of our General Synod, and urge our pastors and churches to put forth, if necessary, extra efforts to meet the full apportionment.

6. *Resolved,* That Sec. 11 of the By-Laws of the Constitution of the California Synod be changed by substitution to read, "The annual meeting of Synod shall convene on the second Tuesday evening of October," instead of the second Friday.

Laid on the table till next convention.

7. *Resolved,* That the Statistical Secretary of Synod be enjoined to receive no reports postmarked after September 20; and, in case of failure of any congregation to send a report, he shall insert the membership statistics and value of church property from the report of the preceding year, with a footnote explaining that no report had been received.

8. *Resolved,* That the customary salary of $25 be voted to our efficient Secretary for his services for the past year, and that we express our appreciation of his faithful services for thirteen of the past seventeen years.

9. *Resolved,* That we note with pleasure the increased number of subscribers to *Lutheran Church Work;* that we continue as our aim, "Our official paper in every home"; that Rev. G. H. Hillerman be commended for his splendid efforts to increase the subscription list, and that he be appointed as our Synodical representative.

10. *Resolved,* That we denounce as unchristian and inhuman the manufacture and exportation of war munitions to the warring nations, and that we, as American Christian citizens, hereby solemnly disclaim before God any willing assent on our part or willing participation in such shameful commercialism.

11. *Resolved,* That we endorse the aim of the Central Luther League of California to organize a State Luther League; that we urge our Young People's Societies, of whatever name, to affiliate themselves with the proposed Lutheran organization, and that we recommend, as far as possible, our local young people's societies be formed into Luther Leagues.

12. *Resolved,* That we express our profound appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of Dr. P. S. Leisenring as Treasurer

of the California Synod for the past seventeen years; that we deeply sympathize with him in his present affliction and pray the great Head of the Church that he may be speedily restored to health and strength and to the worship and work of our beloved Church.

Adopted by unanimous rising vote and with prayer.

13. *Resolved,* (1) That the traveling expenses of the pastors to and from Synod be hereafter paid from the Synodical treasury, for which an additional apportionment of five (5) cents shall be made.

(2) That such payment shall be made on the per cent basis of the amount of Synodical treasury apportionment paid during the preceding two years by the congregation from which the pastor comes, with the understanding that an excess of apportionment does not entitle to more than the fare paid.

14. *Resolved,* (1) That the Pullman Sleeper fares be included in the budget of traveling expenses.

(2) That the traveling expense apportionment against Sanger shall be advanced from the Home Mission treasury of Synod, to be collected from the congregation by the Home Mission Committee.

(3) That the apportionment against St. Andrew's, San Francisco; St. Matthew's, San Francisco, and St. Paul's, Fresno, shall be paid from the Synodical treasury, to be returned thereto by the respective congregations.

(4) That Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D., be authorized to represent Synod in corresponding with the Sanger congregation in regard to their relations with their pastor, and concerning the assessment on traveling expenses.

15. In view of the general celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation of the sixteenth century by Protestantism in 1917, and recognizing the power of the visual in the presentation of truth, be it therefore

Resolved, That the California Synod recommend that the General Synod Lutheran Committee in charge of such celebration make arrangements with some eastern film company to properly costume and stage in drama scenes true to history and the great events which have brought the Holy Scriptures to light, and through them the marvelous achievements of the past four centuries.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
for the Committee.

The work of the General Boards was presented during the convention, as follows:

Deaconess—Rev. C. E. Hay, D.D.
Education—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.
Pastors' Fund—Rev. O. H. Gruver.

Synod closed by the use of the forms provided by the General Synod.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM

Mt. Hermon, Cal., Saturday, Oct. 9, 1915, 7 p.m.

Ministerium called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry. (See Minutes, p. 21.)

On motion, the Ministerium recommended to Synod the ordination of Rev. Joseph Ernst Stermer.

Minutes read and approved.

Prayer by Rev. A. E. Isham.

Adjournment.

Attest: GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report.

P. S. LEISENRING, *Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, September 15, 1914, to September 15, 1915.*

CHURCHES.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess' Fund.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Fresno Pledge.	Grand Totals.	Excess.	Deficit.
To balance		$45 12	$88 25				$104 44	$8 00	$4 00			$72 73		$322 54		
W. H. and F. M. S.		25 00												25 00		
Alameda	$3 00	5 00	19 00	$16 00	$13 00	$10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	$3 00	$3 00	25 00	$5 00	117 00	$5 00	
Alpaugh	4 00	8 00	30 00	12 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00		6 00	31 00	5 00	113 00	7 00	$72 00
Fresno, St. Paul	4 00	3 00	20 00		6 00							11 00		44 00		349 00
Fresno, Wartburg													10 00	10 00	10 00	951 00
Glendale	1 00	2 00	7 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 00		42 00		
Long Beach	5 00	9 00	35 00	30 00	24 00	19 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	47 00	15 00	226 00	20 00	
Los Angeles, First	21 00	43 00	157 00	183 00	111 00	85 00	42 00	42 00	42 00	21 00	21 00	213 00	25 00	1006 00	73 00	
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	5 00	10 00	37 00	32 00	26 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	51 00	5 00	226 00	5 00	
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	10 00	61 00	10 00	
Oakland	4 00	8 00	29 00	25 00	20 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	39 00		173 00		
Pasadena	4 00	8 00	30 00	26 00	21 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	40 00		177 00		
Phœnix	2 00	4 00	14 00	12 00	10 00	7 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	19 00		84 00		
Redlands	3 00	5 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	27 00	10 00	131 00	13 00	
Riverside	4 00	8 00	30 00	27 00	21 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	5 00	50 00	15 00	204 00	27 00	
Sacramento, First	4 00	5 00	4 00									5 00		18 00	1 00	128 00
Sacramento, German	15 00	31 00	95 00	69 00	43 00	20 00			8 00		6 00	90 00	20 00	397 00	20 00	381 00
Salinas	2 00	4 00	15 00	13 00	10 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	20 00	5 00	93 00	5 00	
San Bernardino		8 00	38 00	20 00	20 00	18 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	20 35	5 00	153 35	5 00	77 65
San Diego	8 00	16 00	59 00	76 00	50 00	32 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	80 00	25 00	410 00	58 00	
San Francisco, First	2 00	5 00	18 00	20 00	10 00	10 00			5 00			10 00	10 00	90 00	10 00	141 00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	4 00	8 00	25 00		5 00									42 00		127 00
San Francisco, St. Luke's	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	5 00	56 00	5 00	
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	7 00	13 00	48 00	25 00	34 00	26 00	3 00	10 00	13 00	4 00	7 00	20 00	10 00	220 00	†30 50	80 00
Sanger		2 00	11 00	3 00	4 00	6 00		2 00	1 00		2 00	5 00		36 00		245 00
San José	5 00	9 00	33 00	29 00	23 00	¶23 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	11 00		151 00	5 00	53 00
Santa Barbara	3 00	6 00	22 00	10 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		15 00	80 00	15 00	67 00
Seattle	2 00	4 00	16 00		14 00		4 00							40 00	3 00	57 00
Rev. Rinker		50												50		
Rev. Hantell			3 00									4 00		7 00		
Rev. Feix													10 00	10 00		
Rev. Chambers						12 50								12 50		
Amount received	114 00	298 62	921 25	667 00	509 00	378 50	250 44	166 00	172 00	75 00	97 00	924 08	205 00	4777 89		
Amount paid out	57 00	239 22	936 25	657 00	509 00	378 50	150 00	169 00	169 00	74 00	96 00	745 60	205 00	4385 57		
Difference	57 00	59 40	*15 00	10 00			100 44	*3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	178 48		392 32		
Apportionment excess													205 00			
Apportionment deficit	40 00	7 38	212 75	317 00	117 00	237 50	55 56	140 00	134 00	79 00	57 00	611 92				

Churches.	Communicant Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Totals.
Alameda, Christ	50	$4	$8	$20	$16	$13	$10	$5	$5	$5	$3	$3	$25	$117
Alpaugh, First	61	4	9	24	20	16	12	6	6	6	3	3	31	140
Fresno, Wartburg	481	34	72	192	154	125	96	48	48	48	24	24	241	1106
Fresno, St. Paul's	227	16	34	91	73	59	45	23	23	23	11	11	114	523
Glendale, First	30	2	5	12	10	8	6	3	3	3	2	2	15	71
Long Beach, Trinity	96	7	14	38	31	25	19	10	10	10	5	5	48	222
Los Angeles, First	441	31	66	176	141	115	88	44	44	44	22	22	221	1014
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	110	8	17	44	35	29	22	11	11	11	6	6	55	255
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	53	4	8	21	17	14	11	5	5	5	3	3	27	123
Oakland, First	98	7	14	39	31	25	20	10	10	10	5	5	49	225
Pasadena, Trinity	91	6	14	36	29	24	18	9	9	9	5	5	46	210
Phœnix, Grace	40	3	6	16	13	10	8	4	4	4	2	2	20	92
Redlands, First	54	4	8	22	17	14	11	5	5	5	3	3	27	124
Riverside, Trinity	76	5	11	30	24	20	15	8	8	8	4	4	38	175
Sacramento, First	65	5	10	26	21	17	13	7	7	7	3	3	33	152
Sacramento, German	308	22	46	123	99	80	62	31	31	31	15	15	154	789
Salinas, Our Saviour	33	2	5	13	11	9	7	3	3	3	2	2	17	77
San Bernardino, First	103	7	15	41	33	27	21	10	10	10	5	5	52	236
San Diego, First	160	11	24	64	51	42	32	16	16	16	8	8	80	368
San Francisco, Emmanuel	64	4	10	26	20	17	13	6	6	6	3	3	32	146
San Francisco, First	102	7	15	41	33	27	20	10	10	10	5	5	51	234
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	79	6	12	32	25	21	16	8	8	8	4	4	40	184
San Francisco, St. Luke's	28	2	4	11	9	7	6	3	3	3	1	1	14	64
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	140	10	21	56	45	36	28	14	14	14	7	7	70	322
Sanger, St. Paul's	152	11	23	61	49	40	30	15	15	15	8	8	76	351
San José, Grace	94	7	14	38	30	24	19	9	9	9	5	5	47	216
Santa Barbara, Grace	50	4	8	20	16	13	10	5	5	5	3	3	25	117
Seattle, St. Paul's	61	4	9	24	20	16	12	6	6	6	3	3	31	140
Totals	3347	$237	$502	$1337	$1073	$873	$670	$334	$334	$334	$170	$170	$1679	$7713

Respectfully submitted, A. E. ISHAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

APPENDIX C—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	Parochial. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work."	Losses. Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Membership. Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.	Sunday Schools. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contributions For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1					5	2			3			1	1	50	67	90	$6000	$400	$742	$100	1	7	70				$131	$17
2	E. H. Combs	Alpaugh	First	1		2		10	4	1		27	3		6	1	1	61	95	121	6000	675	1025	6	1	23	120	8		30	137	20
3	Carl Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1		1		19		1		7	42		18	7	39	227	227	660	6500	4300	791	60	1	12	85				18	6
4	H. H. Rippe	Fresno	Wartburg	1	1	1		39	1	3	8	2	47		22	5	29	481	495	1107	7900	1250	958	154	1	16	493				66	30
5	R. W. Mottern	Glendale	First	1		1							1			6	6	30	39	48	1200	500	250	100	1	8	28			2	28	3
6	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1		2		7	6		1	2	6		1	8	5	96	118	163	12000	2175	1014	650	1	16	83	9	6	8	98	67
7	Vacant	Los Angeles	First	1		3		17	35	3	19		22	2	21	25	17	441	721	860	90000	10700	4970		1	25	211			23	535	142
8	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1		2		6		1	14	2	9		2	24	7	110	156	210	14500	4275	1333	161	1	16	106		33	28	229	68
9	J. E. Hoick	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1		1	1	11	7		2		2	1	11	7	12	53	53	55	4000	2300	1800	800	1	10	57			3	88	
10	W. E. Crouser	Oakland	First	1		3		4	5	1	1		14		3	9	4	98	148	197	60000	8500	2044		1	16	92			15	143	39
11	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1		2		10	12	1	5		3		2	7	8	91	103	125	12000	1400	1084	300	1	9	79		12	6	47	67
12	J. E. Stermer	Phoenix	Grace	1		1		3	10	1			3			3	2	40	40	54			416		1	7	31				25	64
13	A. E. Isham	Redlands	First	1		2			15		1		3			3		54	65	94	9000		823	25	1	10	80			12	155	52
14	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1		2		17	5	1	2	2	1	1		5	1	76	94	106	6000		1022		1	12	76		7	12	143	54
15	H. C. Funk	Sacramento	First	1		1		8	4	1	1	3	20		5			65	135	200	25000	2500	1200	50	1	10	80			25	70	
16	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German	1		2		20	18	12	3	11	47		26			308	550	780	90000	6200	3850	1550	1	20	230					
17	N. N. Harter	Salinas	Our Saviour	1		1		5	5				2		5			33	52	67	4500	1400	390	213	1	5	21				12	50
18	J. W. Romich	San Bernardino	First	1		3		7		2	2	10	2	1	8	9	5	103	126	194	6300	2600	897	257	1	12	120			20	124	47
19	G. H. Hillerman	San Diego	First	1		3	2	22	40	1	4		19	2	16	9	7	160	237	275	22000		1941	565	1	16	155		43	20	125	103
20	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1		3	1	8	3	5	4		12	3	7	3	2	102	180		60000	4700	2868	419	1	12	90		15	16	143	32
21	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andreas	1				5	3	2		2	19				8	79	131	225	16500	400	810	170	1	4	44				104	15
22	W. R. Swickard	San Francisco	St. Luke's	1		1	1	14	8	1	1	12	5	2	7	3	1	28	45	77	900		556		1	8	96		10		140	
23	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1				12	20	5			30			9	5	140	292	439	42000	7800	2816	1050	1	15	105				295	60
24	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's*	1		1		27	3	54		5	83	6	20		18	533	571	1043	180000		3940	375	1	18	163				147	
25	A. Bahr	Sanger	St. Paul's	1		1		24	5		9		13		24	12	3	152	154	339	2900	500	468		1	5	68				10	3
26	Vacant	San José	Grace	1		3		10	15	1	5	6	10		9	3	4	94	154	191	20000	2000	1029	230	1	15	105		12	10	94	37
27	G. P. Goll	Santa Barbara	Grace	1		1		2	2	1	1	24	4		2	5	9	50	66	73	12000	1400	1239	1110	1	7	55				66	10
28	H. C. Stafford	Seattle	St. Paul's	1				12	12		3	8	4	3	6	16	3	61	78	95	12000	5000	400	1775	1	15	150	4			185	10
29	Totals for 1915			28	1	43	5	319	243	100	86	123	418	21	226	181	192	3816	5102	8167	735200	70975	39616	10120	28	343	3093	21	138	230	3692	1096
30	Totals for 1914			28	2	39	3	277	153	77	90	612	393	51	199	233	329	3062	4681	7371	707250	67687	38457	13723	28	333	2924	41	157	204	3670	1282
31	Gain					4	2	42	90	23			25		27			754	421	796	27950	3288	1259			10	169			26	22	
32	Loss				1						4	489		30		62	137							6600									

Index Number.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions For Local Objects.	Contributions For Benevolence.	WOMAN'S MISS. SOCIETIES Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work."	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	BROTHERH'DS Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1												$3	$5	$44	$16	$13	$10	$5		$5		$5	$3	$3	$35	$147	$989
2	2	50	$6	$8	1		2		$177			4	8	66	32	6	3	2	$20	3	$6	3		6	30	189	1220
3	1	30	30	5	1	40			45				10	90		6									80	105	956
4	1	72	73	5	1	79						4	3	12											25	125	1237
5					1	4		1				1	2	16	6	5	4	2		2		2	1	1		42	424
6	1	23	6	5	1	45		4	55			5	9	82	30	24	19	9	40	9	5	9	5	5	25	276	1940
7	2	60	18	215	3	85	4	25	242			21	43	370	465	562	85	42	240	42		42	21	21	347	2301	7271
8	1	29	9	5	1	20		9	125	1	18	5	10	88	32	26	20	10	125	10		10	5	5	137	483	1997
9	1	20	5		1	12		7	30			3		30	8	6		7		2	1	2	1	1		61	2786
10	2	32	30	3	1	11		5	46			3	8	68	25	20	16	8	46	8		8	4	4	20	239	2283
11	3	56	37	36	1	22	2	12	113	1	12	4	8	70	26	21	16	8	20	8		8	4	4	27	230	1604
12					1	25						2	4	14	12	10	7	4		4		4	2	2	19	84	475
13	1	12	10	5	1	13	3	10	47			3	5	57	17	14	15	5	43	5		5	3	3	16	191	1039
14	1	30	16	14	1	19	4	17	77			4	8	80	35	21	16	8	77	8		8	4	5	43	317	1339
15	1	10	5		1	10		7	25			4	5	5					25							39	1293
16					1	85	18	20	280			15	31	85	69	43	20		280			8		6	447	1003	6403
17	1	18	19									2	4	35	13	10	8	4	5	4		4	2	2	1	94	697
18	2	27	7	5	2	42		12	239				8	44	20	20	18	5	48	10		5	2	2	40	222	1376
19	2	54	57	102	1	34	1	26	193			8	16	164	76	50	32	16	193	16		16	8	8	223	826	3332
20	1	22	5	47	1	16		3	43			2	5	32	20	10	16		43			5			20	153	3440
21					1	53		7	64			4	8	27		5		47							61	152	1132
22	1	10										1	2	26	8	6	5	2		2		2	1	1		56	612
23	2	80	195		1	38		6	80			7	13	68	25	34	26	3	45	10		33	4	7	650	935	4801
24	1	54	37																							1800	6115
25													2	11	3	4	6			2		1		2	5	36	504
26	2	20	5	7	1	14	3	16	77			5	9	44	29	23	18	5	77	5		5	2	1	8	231	1490
27	1	18	13		1	24	1	8	174			3	6	22	10	7	3	2	29	3		3	3	3	15	109	2448
28												2	4	16		14		4							25	65	2240
29	32	806	658	509	23	661	37	197	2132	2	30	116	246	1667	976	960	363	196	1362	158	13	188	75	92	2304	9811	61391
30	29	852	999	390	20	510	47	187	1457	2	50	105	216	1744	646	577	448	170	1245	155	25	152	78	119	2819	8495	60585
31	3			119	3	151		10	675			11	30		330	383		26	117	3		36				1316	806
32		46	341				10				20			177			85				12		3	27	551		

DIRECTORY, 1915-1916

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Next Convention
Time—October 14-17, 1916.
Place—Trinity Church, Long Beach, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD AT MT. HERMON, OCTOBER, 9-12, 1915

FIRST SESSION

OCTOBER 9, 1915, 2 P.M.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was invited to meet with the California Synod at 1.30. At this time the greetings of Synod were extended by Rev. H. C. Funk and were briefly responded to by Mrs. J. W. Ball. The members of convention then retired to their own place of meeting.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. N. N. Harter

Dr. Blair, of the Mt. Hermon Association, brought the greeting of that body and explained quite fully for what Mt. Hermon stands.

Delegates presented credentials as follows:

Oakland—Miss Rosa Flathman (absent).
Glendale—Mrs. R. W. Mottern.
San Diego—Mrs. O. C. Dillahunt (absent).
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. J. W. Ball.

On motion, Mrs. J. H. Harpster, Los Angeles; Mrs. Burnett, San Francisco; Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Alameda, and Mrs. N. N. Harter, Salinas, were made advisory members of the convention.

On account of illness, Mrs. C. E. Hay, of Baltimore, was unable to be present. Dr. Hay, however, brought a message from her urging more general use of free literature. Dr. Hay also presented the Deaconess work.

Officers present at convention were: Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, President; Mrs. R. W. Mottern, Mrs. W. E. Crouser and Mrs. J. W. Ball.

President's Address

Dear Co-Workers:

How truly one has said, "We take no note of time, but by its flight"! The weeks and months, gliding by in such constant and swift procession, have brought us again to convention time. One can scarcely realize that it has been a twelve-month since we met at Santa Barbara, and that we now stand on the threshold of a new year of service for the Master.

The year just closed has been one of steady, quiet work in our beloved California Synodical Society, and we trust that every member has put forth her best efforts in the Master's business. Nothing exceptional has occurred to mar the even tenor of our way. We have not been called upon to mourn the loss of any of our faithful members, for which we may well pause and utter a fervent "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

True, the work of our beloved Lutheran Church on this west coast does not progress as rapidly as it does in many eastern sections, nor as rapidly as we could wish, but conditions here are very different and the work more difficult. These differences are very apparent to one who has just made a trip through the East, attending the Biennial Convention at Omaha and the General Synod at Akron. And yet we feel that there is a very large place for our Church and missionary society in the Golden State.

The present year has been fraught with many social privileges to residents of California. Visitors by countless thousands have been attracted to the great and beautiful Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, and to the equally beautiful, though less pretentious, Panama-California Exposition at San Diego. Many of these visitors were prominent eastern Lutherans, whose presence in our churches and homes has done much to cheer our pastors and workers. We are especially grateful to the Executive Committee for the privilege of having in our midst Miss Katharine Fahs and Miss Jessie Brewer, our missionaries from Guntur, India.

The reports to be presented by the various officers and department

secretaries will give sufficient details of the year's work, so this address need not dwell on those facts. We rejoice to be able to report the organization of a new auxiliary at Glendale, October 1. This fact is especially gratifying to the Southern Conference members, as there is now a missionary society in every church in the Southern Conference. May it not be long till the Northern Conference can make such a report. Northern Conference officers please note Recommendation 3, page 279, July *Lutheran Woman's Work,* Report of Executive Committee.

In our activities for the coming year, you are requested to consider the following recommendations:

1. Our Schedule for Regular Work, adopted three years ago, General Fund, every quarter, thirty cents per member; India Bed, the March quarter, twenty cents per member; May Memorial, the June quarter, ten cents per member; Synodical Fee, the September quarter, twenty cents per member; Thank-offering and Christmas Offering, the December quarter, free-will. Please remit for each object at the proper time.

2. Subscribers for *Lutheran Woman's Work,* both new and renewal. This is very important as many more are needed if our Magazine Committee is to realize its goal of 20,000 subscribers.

3. Text-books and other literature in more general use at our meetings and among our members. Our Literature Secretary can supply all such helps.

4. The Even Dollar Plan followed closely. See recommendation 4, page 279, July *Lutheran Woman's Work,* Report of Executive Committee. It is urged that this plan be strictly observed. This Convention is asked to approve and adopt this measure.

5. This Convention is requested to approve the Plan for Field Work as adopted by the Omaha Convention, which, briefly stated, is to divide the work in the United States into three sections, each under the direction of a secretary; for which each auxiliary is asked to contribute five cents per member annually to meet the necessary expenses. This is in line of greater efficiency and of more thorough work.

6. Auditing Committee. In order to expedite the business of the Convention, we would recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to present her report, properly audited, with the auditor's statement affixed, as the custom is in our General Society.

Your President, as the delegate to the recent Biennial Convention in Omaha, wishes to express her sincere appreciation of the honor and privilege accorded her. The report of the Convention will be presented later.

With grateful recognition of the loyal support and co-operation

tendered during this past year by the officers and members, this message is submitted for your consideration.

Very respectfully, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

A letter from Mrs. K. B. Schaffer, with regard to Annuity Fund, was read by the Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary read by the Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Number of Woman's Societies	17
Number of Young People's Societies	1
Number of Children's Bands	1
Total number of societies	19
Grand total of members, not including Life and Home Department Members	529
Total Active Members	467
Total Honorary Members	38
Total Cradle Roll Members	24
Total Life Members	60
Total Memorial Members	1
Total Home Department Members	20
Total Members in Woman's Societies	485
Total Members in Young People's Societies	25
Total Members in Children's Bands	19
Total Number *Lutheran Woman's Work*	198
Total Number *Lutheran Boys and Girls*	100
Total value of Boxes—Home, $60; Foreign, $21.50	$81 50

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER.

The Thank-Offering report was read by Mrs. Hillerman.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary

The Thank-offering for 1914 amounted to $436.43, a substantial increase over that of the previous year. The San Diego society deserves special mention, having raised $100 of this amount. The presence of several personal contributors, aside from the contributions of the various societies, was recognized with pleasure.

A minor chord is struck in this report by the inability of the women of the California Synod to raise the "Five-Hundred-Dollar Thank-offering," for which they had striven last year. Failure, in this particular, should have implanted in each person a determination to do better this year.

Four dozen new boxes have been sent out since the last convention.

The aim for the next biennium is a thank-offering that shall average two dollars per member. May the women of California nobly respond.

Respectfully submitted, LEONA H. SNYDER.

Greetings received from General Executive Committee, also a card from Mrs. Beegle, regarding the *Lutheran Boys and Girls,* was read by the Secretary.

Report of Literature Secretary was read by Mrs. W. E. Crouser:

Report of Literature Secretary

Tracts and free leaflets have been sent monthly to all auxiliaries. Mission Study Classes were reported from Sacramento (German), and San José. Nearly all societies are using the text-books prescribed by *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

Respectfully submitted, MISS ROSA FLATHMAN.

A letter from Mrs. Seebach, concerning Children's Bands, was read by Mrs. W. E. Crouser.

Upon motion, Mrs. E. H. Coombs was made an advisory member of the convention.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Address—Mrs. N. N. Harter, Mrs. O. H. Gruver.

Auditing—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Mrs. J. W. Ball.

Letters and Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. R. W. Mottern, Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. Coombs.

Reporters—Lutheran Church Work, Mrs. N. N. Harter; *Lutheran Observer,* Mrs. W. E. Crouser; *Lutheran Woman's Work,* Mrs. W. E. Crouser.

The session adjourned with the missionary benediction.

SECOND SESSION

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, OCT. 10, 7.30 P.M.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Funk and Dr. H. J. Weaver.

Mrs. Harpster was the speaker of the evening, and presented our work in India with many stereopticon views. The offering amounted to $15.05.

THIRD SESSION

October 11, 10.30 a.m.

The convention was called to order by the President, and the session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Harpster.

The minutes of the first and second sessions were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary, and the Auditing Committee reported the books correct.

On motion, the report was accepted as audited.

For Treasurer's report see p. 58.

Reports were received from the following societies: First Church, Los Angeles; St. Mark's, Los Angeles; San Diego, Redlands, Long Beach, Glendale, Pasadena, Oakland and Sacramento (German).

A report of the Omaha Convention was given by the delegate, Mrs. Hillerman, in a most interesting manner. Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION

October 12, 9.30 a.m.

The convention was called to order by Mrs. Hillerman. Mrs. Mottern offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports were received from the societies at San José and Riverside.

The Historian's report was read by the Secretary:

Historian's Report

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Catherine Bittman, Mrs. Sophia Balthasser, Pasadena; Miss Rosa Flathman, Mrs. E. Hassler, Oakland; Pauline M. Hillerman, San Diego.

If there have been any other new Life Members the names have not been reported to me. How I would like to have as much interest taken by the women in reporting the names as in reporting the money for the same. ("Sixty names are reported by the Corresponding Secretary, while only fifty-four are on the Historian's books."—President.)

I learn that Mrs. Caroline Miller became a Life Member while living in Los Angeles, though later moving to Glendale, where her interest in this mission was shown by a gift of $50. She passed to her reward about a year after she became a Life Member.

In moving from San José I realized how much was accumulating in the Historian's box, and sometime when I can will be glad to show the women the contents of this chest. Number of Life Members, 54; Honorary Life Members, 12. Life Members that have died, 5.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. E. HOICK.

Report of Committee on Letters and Corresponding Secretary's Report

Your Committee on Letters and Corresponding Secretary's Report begs leave to submit the following:

The letters from Mrs. Thrall urging the need of a Home Department Secretary, and from Mrs. Schaffer, for an Annuity Secretary, have been carefully noted, and at this convention both Secretaries have been appointed.

Mrs. Beegle strongly urges the necessity of a larger subscription list for *Lutheran Boys and Girls,* which will be a weekly paper instead of semi-monthly after January 1, 1916.

The Corresponding Secretary's report has been carefully examined and a necessary correction made.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. R. W. MOTTERN,
Mrs. W. E. CROUSER,
Mrs. E. H. COMBS.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Address

Your Committee on President's address begs leave to submit the following:

We note with pleasure the addition of one new society, that of Glendale.

We call attention especially to the recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the report.

We also recommend the adoption of Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of this report.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. N. N. HARTER,
MRS. O. H. GRUVER.

The report was considered *seriatim,* and then adopted as a whole.

It was moved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay from Synodical Fee the sum of five cents per member toward the support of a Field Secretary.

For report of Nominating Committee see Directory.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

Miss Stuber	$2 50
Miss Flathman	5 21
Mrs. Reimer	5 35
Mrs. Hillerman	38 00
Mrs. Harpster	7 45
	$58 51

Greetings were received from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Northern Illinois Synod, assembled in convention at Dixon, Ill.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to convey to Dr. Blair the appreciation of this body for the courtesy of the Mt. Hermon Association and of Dr. Blair to the members of this convention.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay to Synod the sum of $25 for the printing of Minutes.

Upon motion, the following committee was appointed to plan for some special work to be undertaken this year, which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of this organization: Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. Swanson,

Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. J. F. Reimer and Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

After prayer by the President, she declared the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the California Synod closed.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Treasurer, 1914-1915.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Life Membership.	Native Worker in India.	India Bed Fund.	German Foreign Missions.	May Memorial Fund.	Girls' School in India.	Synodical Fee.	Total.
Balance, September 20, 1914	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$170 50	$170 50
Offering at Convention, October 10 to 14, 1914	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 40	22 40
Offering at Southern Conference, April 14, 1915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Seminary Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114 65	114 65
Alpaugh	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Long Beach	14 00	$21 50	.....	.....	.....	$1 35	.....	.....	.....	3 15	40 00
Los Angeles (First)	44 60	48 00	$5 00	.....	$30 00	6 60	.....	$5 00	$25 00	6 20	170 40
Los Angeles (A. F. C. M. B.)	24 00	8 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	25 00	.....	60 65
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	24 00	20 00	4 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	57 00
Los Angeles (St. Paul's)	13 20	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	1 10	.....	2 40	20 00
Oakland	10 90	20 00	.....	$20 00	.....	1 20	.....	50	.....	1 20	53 80
Pasadena	20 20	17 50	.....	20 00	.....	4 20	.....	2 10	.....	4 40	68 40
Redlands	15 40	15 00	2 20	.....	.....	2 40	.....	3 00	.....	2 65	40 65
Riverside	22 55	34 85	5 75	.....	.....	4 40	.....	1 70	.....	3 80	73 05
Riverside (Helpers' Circle)	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 15
Sacramento (English)	10 70	7 00	75	.....	.....	1 80	.....	60	.....	1 40	22 25
Sacramento (German)	100 00	25 00	10 00	.....	.....	18 00	$5 00	10 00	25 00	17 00	210 00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Salinas (Mrs. N. N. Harter)	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
San Bernardino	13 20	26 15	3 25	.....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	4 15	48 95
San Diego	39 00	100 00	4 00	10 00	.....	6 00	.....	3 00	25 00	6 00	193 00
San Francisco (First English)	17 15	14 50	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 60	38 25
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	30 95	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 95
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	20 50	9 00	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	2 50	.....	5 75	43 25
San José	17 00	51 58	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	75 58
Santa Barbara	8 00	5 00	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	27 00
Synodical Society	.....	1 20	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 20
Interest on Deposit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 57	8 57
Amount received	$467 00	$436 43	$43 95	$60 00	$30 00	$72 45	$5 00	$36 50	$100 00	$387 82	$1639 15
Amount remitted	467 00	436 43	43 95	60 00	30 00	72 45	5 00	36 50	100 00	.....	1251 33

APPENDIX B—Financial Report, 1914-1915

Receipts

September 20, 1914. To Balance		$170 50
October 10-14, 1914. Offering at Convention		22 40
April 14, 1915. Offering at Southern Conference		2 00
Seminary Fund		114 65
General Fund	$467 00	
Thank-Offering	436 43	
Christmas Offering	43 95	
Life Membership	60 00	
Native Worker in India	30 00	
India Bed Fund	72 45	
German Foreign Missions	5 00	
May Memorial Fund	36 50	
Girls' School in India	100 00	
Synodical Fee	69 70	
Interest on Deposit	8 57	
		1329 60
		$1639 15

Expenditures

Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer:		
By General Fund	$467 00	
By Thank-Offering	436 43	
By Christmas Offering	43 95	
By Life Membership	60 00	
By Native Worker in India	30 00	
By India Bed Fund	72 45	
By May Memorial Fund	36 50	
By Girls' School in India	100 00	
By Delegate's Expenses to General Conference	15 00	
		$1261 33
Dr. L. B. Wolf, General Secretary:		
By German Foreign Missions		5 00
By Seminary Fund		114 65
By Interest on Seminary Fund		4 60
Synodical Expenses:		
By President, for Programs	$7 00	
By President, Postage and Traveling Expenses	17 00	
By Corresponding Secretary, Postage	2 50	
By Literature Secretary, Postage	5 55	
By Treasurer, Postage	4 00	
By Mrs. Harpster, Address at Conference	10 00	
By Life Membership at Conference	10 00	
By Telegram to Mrs. Romich	50	
By Treasurer California Synod, Printing Minutes of 1913	25 00	
By 1000 Letter Heads and 500 Envelopes	7 00	
		88 55
Balance		165 02
		$1639 15

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Paper, Rev. A. Jatho, "Luther and Melanchthon." (Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.)

Monday Evening

Rev. H. Gehrcke, "The Reformation Battle Hymn." (Rev. G. P. Goll.)

Tuesday Evening

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., "What the Reformation Meant to Christianity and to the World." (Rev. J. W. Romich.)

Next Convention

Place.—San Francisco, First English Lutheran Church.
Time.—October 12-17, 1917.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONG BEACH,
CAL., OCTOBER 13-18, 1916
(Rev. D. J. Snyder, Pastor)

OPENING SERVICE

Friday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.

The opening service of this convention of Synod was conducted by the pastor *loci* and President, assisted by Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D., and Rev. N. N. Harter. The sermon, from Col. 1 : 18, on "The Church of To-day," was delivered by the President. The Holy Communion was then administered to the pastors and lay delegates present.

FIRST SESSION

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Devotions conducted by Rev. W. H. Derr, who delivered a doctrinal and practical address from the first chapter of Galatians, on "The Defence of the Gospel."

Prayers were offered by Revs. E. H. Combs and G. H. Hillerman, D.D.

The President formally opened the convention.

The roll of the convention was made.

Synodical Roll

Number	Name of Pastor	Ordained	Entered Synod	Address of Pastor	Name of Pastorate	Location of Church	Name of Delegate
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D.D.	1879	1891	16th at J. & K., Sacramento	First (supplied)	16th, between J and K	A. E. Scheper, *a.*
2	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1892	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	St. Matthew's	16th and Dolores.	
3	Charles F. Oehler, D. D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L Street	German	17th and L	James Popert, *p.*
4	L. C. Routzahn	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande.			
5	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline Street	St. Andrew's	722 Union	Conrad Schneider, *a.*
6	William Brandes	1889	1896	Oakland, 526 23rd St.			
7	George H. Hillerman, D. D.	1896	1896	Oakland, 472 Jean St.	First	16th and Grove	J. A. Bohn, *a.*
8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	Los Angeles, 415 S. Evergreen Ave.	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	William Alloway.
9	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Riverside, 258 Main St.	Trinity	9th and Walnut	J. F. Reimer, *p.*
10	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	San Jose, 450 N. Fourth St.	Grace	2nd and Julian	G. W. Hershey, *a.*
11	Oscar H. Gruver, D. D.	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave	Christ	Haight and Webster	H. Browning, *a.*
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.	St. Mark's	O'Farrell, w. of Franklin.	
13	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2228 High St.			
14	J. C. Pedersen	1881	1906	Baltimore, Md., 331 E. 22nd St.			
15	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno.			
16	Julius W. Romich	1895	1907	San Diego, 3737 3rd St.	First	2nd, between A and Ash.	Dr. T. H. DeWitz.
17	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Santa Cruz.			
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	St. Mark's	W. 36th Pl. & Vermont	F. C. Noel.
19	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	San Francisco, 4175 24th St.	St. Luke's	24th and Castro.	
20	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic St.	Trinity	8th and Linden	N. C. Christiansen, *p.*
21	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Glendale, 403½ S. Brand Blvd.			
22	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale, 340 S. Central Ave.	First	Third & Isabel Sts.	John A. St. Clair, *a.*
23	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	San Francisco, 1362 Palou Ave.	Temple	Bay View & Latona.	

Synodical Roll.—Concluded

Number	Name of Pastor	Ordained	Entered Synod	Address of Pastor	Name of Pastorate	Location of Church	Name of Delegate
24	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Alameda.			
25	George Philip Goll	1896	1911	Santa Barbara, 1111 Anacapa St.	Grace	Anacapa, nr. Figueroa	Walter N. Grant.
26	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 518 Herkimer St.	Trinity	Los Robles & Walnut	Wilmer Schoch, *p.*
27	John R. Braeuer, Ph.D.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 2023 Sacramento St.	First	Geary, w. of Gough	N. N. Fritz.
28	E. F. A. Hantel	1875	1912	Albany, Ore.			
29	William C. Eckhart	1891	1912	San Diego, R.R. No. 4, Box 161 P.			
30	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 847 E. Central Ave.	First	Olive and Myrtle	Howard Fiscus, *p.*
31	August Bahr	1899	1913	Fresno, 1408 Ventura Ave.			
32	Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San Jose, Box 418.			
33	John K. Reed	1890	1913	Morrison, Ill.			
34	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.	St. Paul's	California & Lotus	Christian Sommer, *a.*
35	Gustaf A. Hiden	1893	1913	San Francisco, 219 Concord St.	Swedish-Finnish	Vermont and 24th.	
36	Howard C. Stafford	1909	1913	Seattle, Wash., 4417 Evanston Ave.	St. Paul's	43rd and Fremont	H. F. Rankin, *a.*
37	Emil G. Lund, D. D.	1881	1913	Santa Cruz.			
38	Elmer H. Combs	1900	1914	Alpaugh, Tulare Co.	First	E. Center	J. H. F. Robejohannes, *a*
39	Ernst Younghans	1897	1915	Dehesa.			
40	Joseph E. Stermer	1914	1915	Phoenix, Ariz., 1412 E. Pierce St.	Grace	S. 2nd Ave., bet. Washing. and Jefferson Sts.	Hans Nelson, *a.*
41	William S. Dysinger	1894	1916	Los Angeles, 914 S. Harvard Blvd.	First	8th and Flower	R. R. Griffith, *p.*
42	William J. Dentler	1914	1916	San Bernardino, 712 9th St.	First	G, between 6th & 7th	Robert Cunning, *a.*
43	Felician Fritzler	1915	1916	Fresno, 545 D St.	Wartburg	D and Ventura	George Horsch, *a.*
44	John A. St. Clair	1916	1916	Glendale.			
45	Vacant			Salinas	Our Saviour	Lincoln Ave. nr. Alisal St.	Andrew Anderson, *a.*
46	Vacant			Sanger	St. Paul's.		

For absentees and excuses, see page 33.

a Absent from all sessions. *p* Present at all sessions.

President's Report

BRETHREN OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD:

"Grace to you and peace be multiplied." As we assemble for the first time in this city by the sea, in our Twenty-sixth Annual Convention, it is with devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the mercies granted unto us during another year. It has been a year of world struggle and national conflict, yet in the providence of God our nation has been spared from the entanglements of destructive warfare.

All our congregations have been supplied with the means of grace; the word of God has been honored and the Holy Sacraments have been appreciated. Our Synod has made progress, material and spiritual, and we stand to-day on higher and firmer ground than ever before.

From our widely scattered fields we have gathered to review the work of the past year, and with a vision of larger things to plan wisely for the future. While we thus deliberate, as the fullness of the incoming tide fills every inlet on the shore, so may the fullness of God's Spirit fill our souls.

IN MEMORIAM

During the year Peter Shindel Leisenring, M.D., the faithful Treasurer of the California Synod for seventeen years, departed this life to his eternal reward.

Also Mr. John Everding, the first Treasurer of the California Synod, who served the Synod in that capacity eight years, was called to his eternal home.

The President has appointed Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., and Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D., to prepare a suitable memorial to these departed, to be placed on our minutes.

The following are the official acts of the President of Synod during the past year.

A. MINISTERS

RESIGNATIONS

Rev. John K. Reed, from Grace Lutheran Church, Phœnix, Ariz., taking effect October 2, 1915.

Rev. S. W. Young closed his labors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, San Francisco, October 17, 1915.

Rev. H. C. Funk, from the First Lutheran Church of Sacramento, taking effect November 30, 1915.

Rev. J. W. Romich, from the First Lutheran Church of San Bernardino, going into effect December 31, 1915.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., from the First Lutheran Church, Oakland, taking effect December 31, 1915.

Rev. H. H. Rippe, from the Wartburg Lutheran Church, Fresno, taking effect January 16, 1916.

Rev. George H. Hillerman, D.D., from the First Lutheran Church, San Diego, taking effect June 30, 1916.

Rev. N. N. Harter, from the Church of Our Saviour, Salinas, closing his work May 31, 1916.

Rev. August Bahr, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sanger, taking effect June 30, 1916.

ADMISSIONS

February 7, 1916, Rev. W. S. Dysinger was received from the Synod of West Virginia.

March 13, 1916, Rev. William J. Dentler was received from the Olive Branch Synod.

October 14, 1916, Rev. Felician Fritzler was received from the Iowa Synod.

DISMISSALS

March 13, 1916, Rev. W. R. Morenz-Oeser was dismissed to the Pacific Synod.

June 6, 1916, Rev. C. A. Walton was dismissed to the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

June 6, 1916, Rev. J. A. Miller was dismissed to the Chicago Synod.

CALLS ACCEPTED

October 11, 1915, Rev. J. E. Stermer to Grace Lutheran Church, Phœnix, Ariz.

Rev. H. C. Funk, as Superintendent of Missions of California Synod, entering upon the work December 1, 1915.

Rev. W. S. Dysinger to the First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, entering upon his labors December 19, 1915.

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., to Grace Lutheran Church, San José, beginning January 1, 1916.

Rev. W. J. Dentler to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, San Bernardino, entering the field February 4, 1916.

Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., to the First Lutheran Church, Oakland, July 1, 1916.

Rev. J. W. Romich to the First Lutheran Church, San Diego, August 1, 1916.

Rev. Felician Fritzler to the Wartburg Lutheran Church, entering the field October 8, 1916.

INSTALLATIONS

December 31, 1915, Rev. J. E. Hoick was installed pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. Rev. W. S. Dysinger delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., delivered the charge to the congregation and conducted the service of installation.

January 2, 1916, Rev. W. S. Dysinger was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. Rev. J. E. Hoick delivered the charge to the congregation, and Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., delivered the charge to the pastor and conducted the service of installation.

February 20, 1916, Rev. W. J. Dentler was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church, San Bernardino. The charge both to the congregation and pastor was delivered by the President of Synod, who also conducted the service of installation.

May 24, 1916, Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., was installed pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, San José. Rev. S. W. Young read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D., delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. E. G. Lund, D.D., delivered the charge to the congregation and conducted the service of installation.

August 20, 1916, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., was installed pastor of the first Lutheran Church, Oakland. Rev. H. C. Funk delivered the charge to the congregation, Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D., delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. H. Gehrcke, Vice-President of Synod, conducted the service of installation.

B. Congregations

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

On Sunday, May 7, 1916, Temple Evangelical Lutheran Church, of San Francisco, was organized by the Rev. H. C. Funk, Superintendent of Missions, with a charter membership of fifty. This is the reorganization of the former Emmanuel Lutheran congregation of Bay View, San Francisco.

VACANCIES

Church of Our Saviour, Salinas.

First Lutheran Church, Sacramento. This congregation has been under the pastoral care of Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D.D.

MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

Alpaugh.—Sliding doors, $25.

Fresno, St. Paul's.—$265.

Long Beach.—New lawn, furnace repair, $40.

Los Angeles, St. Mark's.—New sign, $10.75.
Los Angeles, St. Paul's.—$85.
Pasadena.—Church repainted, new lights, $140.
Redlands.—New carpet and frescoing, $450.
Sacramento, First.—New roof.
San Francisco, St. Matthew's.—Painting.

DEBTS REDUCED

Alameda, $400; Fresno, St. Paul's, $600; Glendale, $375; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $478; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $383; Oakland, $750; Phœnix, $1180; Sacramento, First, $825; Sacramento, German, $1600; Salinas, $1035; San Bernardino, $125; San Francisco, St. Andrew's, $400; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, $350; Santa Barbara, some. Total, $8501.

C. Miscellaneous

Reformation Anniversary.—The general committee has again reminded us that we are on the eve of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, and suggests that a Reformation Program be arranged for the next Synodical Convention, giving, if possible, an extra day to the session. The Synodical Committee, no doubt, has taken these suggestions under consideration and will make such recommendation as it deems in its judgment expedient.

Federation of Lutheran Synods.—An organization of the Federation of Lutheran Synods is to be effected in November, 1917. At its last convention, in Akron, Ohio, the General Synod approved the movement, and commended it to the District Synods for their approval (see General Synod Minutes, pp. 118-122). The California Synod is requested to approve the tentative constitution, also the recommendation of the General Synod that the District Synods approve the Federation and be represented in it. Some action should be taken relative to this matter at this convention of Synod.

Inner Mission Committee.—Your President has been repeatedly requested by the Inner Mission Board to appoint an Inner Mission Committee in the California Synod. He, however, did not comply with the request, desiring first to know the sentiment of the Synod regarding the matter.

Synodical Sunday School Secretary.—The Sunday School Literature Committee of the Board of Publication, desiring to enter into closer relationship with the Sunday school interests of the Synods, and having been authorized to communicate with the Synods with the view to the appointment of one clerical member from each Synod, who shall be known as Synodical Sunday School Secretary, is desirous of such Secretary in our Synod.

Lutheran Church Work and Observer.—We note with satisfaction the increased circulation of *Lutheran Church Work and Observer,* which now has over 21,000 subscriptions—the largest circulation of any Lutheran weekly in this country. We also rejoice in the increased number of subscriptions in the California Synod. The Church Paper Committee regrets that the almost prohibitive price of paper necessitated either the reduction in size or the increase in subscription price to $1.50 per year, but it assures the Synod that just as soon as expedient the paper will again be enlarged and the Church given better service.

Fraternal Delegate.—On account of the expense involved, our Synod did not send a fraternal delegate to the last meeting of the Pacific Synod. Instead, your President sent a letter to President Boulton, conveying the fraternal feeling of the members of the California Synod to the brethren of the Pacific Synod, at the same time expressing the hope that the exchange of delegates may be continued, and also that the two Synods may co-operate in some practical way in securing the best men from the East for the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary.

THE CASE OF REV. H. H. RIPPE

Inasmuch as Rev. H. H. Rippe requested his name stricken from the roll of Synod, the President of Synod requested him to surrender his ordination papers. Thereupon the aforesaid replied that in the year 1900, while moving to Cleveland, Ohio, his furniture, books and papers were destroyed in a railroad wreck; that amongst these were his ordination papers; that he had never applied for or received a duplicate of his ordination papers; and, therefore, not having any ordination papers in his possession, he could not surrender them to the President of Synod. And Rev. Rippe further emphatically stated that now he was absolutely out of the ministry and certainly would not perform any ministerial acts. Whereupon the committee, viz., Revs. H. C. Funk, G. H. Hillerman, D.D., O. H. Gruver, D.D., H. S. Feix and C. F. Oehler, D.D., appointed to investigate Rev. Rippe's case, recommended that his name be stricken from the roll of Synod and the same be published in the church papers. This has been done.

D. Recommendations

1. That the matter of the Federation of Lutheran Synods and representation therein be referred to a special committee of three, to report, if possible, at this convention of Synod.

2. That Synod authorize the appointment of a committee of five on Inner Missions.

3. That the question of Synodical Sunday School Secretary be referred to a special committee.

4. That the aim of every congregation for the coming year be *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* or *Zionsbote* in every Lutheran home, and the apportionment paid in full.

CONCLUSION

And now, brethren, having endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully, I return to you the responsibilities reposed in me for your consideration. With grateful acknowledgment for your kind co-operation and with earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations, this report is

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER.

Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix A.)

Report and the Auditor's statement concerning it received.

On motion the bar of Synod was made to be the first six pews from the front.

Privilege was given the Treasurer to make some statements pertaining to the financial interests of Synod.

The President announced the following committees:

List of Committees

President's Report.—Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., Rev. G. P. Goll, Rev. H. S. Feix.

Conference Reports.—Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., Rev. William J. Dentler, Rev. E. H. Combs.

Excuses.—Rev. J. W. Romich, Rev. N. N. Harter, James Popert.

Letters and Papers.—Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. R. W. Mottern, William Alloway.

Auditing Treasurer of Synod.—J. C. Frohliger, Elmer E. Focht.

Auditing Home Mission Treasurer.—N. N. Fritz, W. N. Grant.

Sunday Schools.—Rev. W. S. Dysinger, Rev. J. E. Stermer, N. C. Christiansen.

Young People's Societies.—Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., Rev. W. H. Derr, Howard Fiscus.

Resolutions.—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D.D., J. A. Bohn.

Application of Congregations.—Rev. Herman Gehrcke, Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., W. N. Grant.

Claims.—Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D., J. F. Reimer, N. N. Fritz.

Necrological.—Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.

Federation of Lutheran Synods.—Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., Rev. W. J. Dentler, Rev. Joseph E. Stermer.

Reporters to Church Papers.—Church Work and Observer, Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.; *Zionsbote,* Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Reporter to City Papers.—Rev. R. W. Mottern.

The hours of business sessions were decided to be from 9 to 12 o'clock, and from 2 to 5.30.

Verbal reports from parishes were heard.

After some announcements Synod adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Hoskinson.

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Led in prayer by Dr. Crouser.

Roll called and minutes read and adopted.

Report of Archivist

Your officer desires to state that the Synod's archives were preserved and new documents added in the study of the First Church, San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. BRAEUER.

Dr. Hillerman read the following:

WHEREAS, The Mary and Martha Circle of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Redlands, has requested that Synod express

its willingness to be the custodian of a fund started for the erection of an Old Folks' Home, in Southern California; be it

Resolved, That Synod express its appreciation to this band of young women in beginning this fund; and, that it agrees to take in charge the fund raised and to place it at interest until such time as it shall be needed; and, that the money be transmitted to the Treasurer of Synod, who shall deposit the same in trust.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences

Your committee finds that profitable meetings were held by the Conferences.

The minutes of the Southern Conference record a resolution of May 24, 1916, requesting that a congregation be established at Lowell, Ariz. (between Bisbee and Warren).

Your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Home Missions Committee of Synod.

The minutes of the Northern Conference call attention to a resolution which the committee forwards to Synod's attention.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. BRAEUER.

Regarding the request of the First Church, Oakland, to the Northern Conference, to memorialize the Synod in behalf of the movement for the use of the Bible in the public schools, favorable consideration was given and a substitute for the resolution submitted in the communication was offered and adopted, reading:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, declare our approval of the use of the Bible in the public schools.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Hoick.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Common Service, according to the Book of Worship, was used at the morning worship. The sermon, on "Evangelization and Catechization," from 2 Tim. 4:2, was delivered by Dr. Hillerman.

The evening service was under the auspices of the Wo-

man's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. An illustrated address on our missionary work at Muhlenberg, Africa, was made by Rev. George P. Goll.

THIRD SESSION

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

The devotional services, led by Rev. Derr. He gave an expositional address on the third chapter of Galatians, "The Declaration of the Gospel."

Prayers offered by Revs. Mottern and Weaver.

Roll called. Minutes read, in part, and deferred for correction.

Report of the Committee on State of the Church received, to be considered *seriatim,* amended to read as follows:

Report of Committee on State of the Church

The compilation of a report with any systematic or satisfactory degree of certainty from the fragmentary documents submitted to your committee is a scientific impossibility. Six churches made no report to your committee. This eliminates almost 40 per cent of the number of communicants from the basis of calculation and makes any statistical deductions impossible.

Another element that contributed largely to the unsatisfactory character of this report is the failure on the part of many pastors to answer in a comprehensive manner the questions submitted by the Synodical officers. No fair or intelligent compilation can be formed unless the facts ascertained cover the entire field. To base a report such as the Synod desired, upon partial returns, is neither safe nor honest.

Your committee regrets keenly its inability to submit the kind of report it hoped to present, but under the conditions it can offer only a few conclusions, guaranteeing nothing but its own logic.

Such matters as the apportionment, Sunday schools and Young People's Societies are omitted from this report because there are other committees to whom these matters have been submitted.

1. If "like priests, like people," be any safe criterion, then your committee is perfectly justified in its conclusion that affairs in a few of our congregations are most unsatisfactory, and that con-

ditions are disorganized and jumbled. It is not believable that an active pastor in proper touch with a well organized congregation, should not be able to answer in a satisfactory manner such questions as the Synod asked. That almost 40 per cent of the communicants of Synod failed to qualify in this report is not only not complimentary to our Synod, but positively humiliating. Some of the pastors were not interested enough in their own reports to make the few comparisons with their last year's report that the Synod requested, thus adding annoyance and difficulty to your committee's task. Reading between the lines, your committee is forced to the conclusion that the lack of system is painfully evident in some of our congregations.

2. From the individual reports we discover that while some churches report their largest attendance on Sunday evenings, other churches have no evening service at all. Local conditions may affect the individual congregation in this particular, but your committee is positive in its conclusion that no congregation is measuring up to its divinely given opportunities when it closes its doors regularly on Sunday evenings. If the young lives of our Lutheran homes are not attracted and gathered under the means of grace in our own churches on Sunday evenings, they will either seek such communion elsewhere or be led into sin by the worldly amusements about us. Jehovah blessed the entire Sabbath Day, not merely the morning hours, and the whole day is precious. The key that shuts the portals of the church on Sunday night opens the melancholy chambers of eternal death.

3. With a few exceptions, our congregations are co-operating with the great body of Christians in civic and moral reform and in the enforcement of law and order. The large majority of our churches are active in the wholesome campaign to put our Golden State into the column of Dry States, and are contributing energy and money for that purpose. The Son of man has come, not alone to seek and to save that which was lost, but also to destroy the works of the devil, and there seems to be a growing disposition on the part of our churches to align themselves with every consecrated endeavor to relieve our moral, social, industrial and civic life of conditions that interrupt and impede the progress of the kingdom.

4. The Church is the divinely appointed custodian of the word and Sacraments, and should use its utmost endeavor to apply these means of grace to the changed industrial and social conditions that obtain.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM E. CROUSER,
GEORGE PHILIP GOLL,
JOSEPH ERNST STERMER.

Report of Statistical Secretary

Mr. President: Reports were received from twenty-six congregations. Two vacant congregations did not report. All principal items show a decrease except the items under Woman's Missionary Societies. The Sunday school benevolence shows an increase of 14 per cent. The decrease in various items is largely accounted for by reason of the failure of churches to report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. ISHAM,
Statistical Secretary.

Report of Committee on Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation

During the year the Joint Committee on the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, in which the General Synod is co-operating with the General Council, the United Synod of the South, the Joint Synod of Ohio, and the German Iowa Synod, opened headquarters in Philadelphia, with Rev. Howard R. Gold as Executive Secretary. Your committee has been in touch with the Joint Committee and has received all the bulletins issued by it. Some of these have been mimeographed and sent to the pastors of the Synod. Others are here for distribution.

These bulletins will be found helpful toward an effective celebration, for they represent the mature thought of men best qualified to advise. Where there is more than one Lutheran congregation in the community these should plan at once, if they have not already done so, for the best possible public celebration.

Your committee is pleased to report that the churches around San Francisco Bay have organized for an effective celebration, the beginning of which will occur in San Francisco on Sunday, October 29. Similar celebrations are planned for San José, Sacramento and San Diego. The Lutheran Brotherhood of Los Angeles and surrounding cities, representing Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and one German-English congregation, in addition to our own English congregations, are fully organized for a worthy celebration, the initial service of which will be held in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, Rev. T. S. Johnston, pastor, on the afternoon and evening of October 31.

Your committee has in mind planning for one or more prominent representatives of our Church from the East to visit our congregations during the year in connection with our special public celebrations, as well as arranging a special program for the next meeting of Synod. Plans are being formed by individual pastors for their local celebrations. One has a complete outline of sermons for each Sunday of the year, on various doctrinal, historical, missionary and

other themes. A flexible scheme, covering the development of our church life, and adapted to the seasons of the church year, is as follows:

Advent Season.—The Dawn of the Reformation (Luther's Spiritual Experience).

Epiphany Season.—The Reformation and World Evangelization. Sending of the First Protestant Missionaries to the Heathen.

Lenten Season.—Evangelical Confessors and Martyrs. Luther at Worms. Protestants, Who They Are, and Why. Evangelical Martyrs.

Easter Season.—Triumphs of the Faith. The Reformation in Other Lands. Gustavus Adolphus, Lion of the North.

Trinity Season.—General Topics.—The Reformation and Popular Education. Our Civil Freedom, Its Source and Its Dangers. German Pietism and Its Fruits. The Inner Mission. The Bible and Its Influence. "The Just shall Live by His Faith."

The various movements for organic union, for a federation of Lutheran Synods, for the largest possible co-operation along various lines, for doctrinal agreement—all these indicate that with the Quadricentennial the Lutheran Church in America is entering upon a new era. The practical results possible from such better understanding and co-operation are beyond estimate in the strengthening of our missionary undertakings, and in giving to our Church her rightful place among the evangelical forces of our land. We are living at an important time. We should not fail to do our part as true sons and daughters of the Reformation.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
HENRY S. FEIX,
A. E. ISHAM,
W. E. CROUSER.

Time extended to hear the report of the Auditing Committee of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee's books. (See page 46.)

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Oehler.

FOURTH SESSION

MONDAY, 2 P.M.

Opened with prayer by Dr. Hoskinson.

Roll called.

Minutes of the two previous sessions read, corrected and adopted.

The Rev. Felician Fritzler was introduced to Synod.

A paper on Art. XVI of the Augsburg Confession, "Of Civil Affairs," was read by Rev. Isham. The discussion was opened by Dr. Oehler, and continued by a number of the brethren.

Report of Home Mission Committee and the Superintendent of Missions

The importance of the work committed to the care of the California Home Mission Committee cannot be overestimated. Moreover, the difficulties peculiar to our coast work are such that they speedily test the staying qualities of the man who undertakes the task of leadership in the development of the Church. Only men of grit, who are "strong in the Lord and the power of His might," may hope to attain any reasonable measure of success. We are glad to report that there are those who have responded to our call for help, and we heartily welcome these new recruits. Pastors have been called to San Bernardino, San José, Oakland, and the Wartburg pastorate, but more strong men are needed on the Pacific Coast.

We are persuaded that the results obtained in the past year show that our missions are manned by men who are worthy messengers of God. They also prove that our people are loyal to their religion. It is only because our loyal Lutherans, at a time when there has been retrenchment along business lines, out of their very living have given liberally to the cause of Christ that our Treasurer reports an increase in the benevolent offerings of the Synod over the former year. Through the aid of these personal gifts, supported by the strong arm of the Church in the East, through the active interest of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, it has been possible for 22 missionaries in the California Synod to herald the story of the Cross to 2771 members, to add 563 members to the Church, to comfort the sick, console the bereaved and bring hope to many a discouraged soul.

Your committee held twelve monthly meetings and two special conferences during the year. They were confronted with a number of serious and very difficult problems; but by the favor of God, the patience and goodwill of our people, these trying times have been met bravely and the difficulties largely overcome.

The committee was organized at Mt. Hermon, on October 12, 1915, with President D. J. Snyder as chairman, and Rev. H. J.

Weaver, Secretary. At this meeting Bro. J. F. Reimer was elected Treasurer for the Home Mission Committee. At a meeting in Los Angeles, on November 1, 1915, Rev. H. C. Funk was elected to the position of Superintendent of Missions, with the request that his labors begin with December 1, 1915, at which time your Superintendent took charge of the work. It was his first duty to investigate the field which was then called the Emmanuel Lutheran Mission of Bay View. It was found necessary to reorganize this work, and on May 7, 1916, a new organization was formed, with 50 members, which has been called the Temple Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco, Cal., and will ask for admission to our Synod at this convention. A deed for a property, consisting of two lots and a building, is now in the hands of the Treasurer of our Synod, who is holding the property in trust for the Temple Church. In addition to the work of caring for this mission your Superintendent has held meetings in the Wartburg Church, Fresno, Sanger and San Pablo, in the German language. Salinas has been visited fortnightly for some time. Other new fields investigated are Dixon, and the Crocker Amazon tract in San Francisco. Other important fields deserve investigation, such as Hollywood, an English work in Fresno; Eureka, Martinez, Stockton, together with points in Arizona.

It is evident that the larger usefulness of your Superintendent is curtailed by keeping him in charge of any one mission for a considerable length of time. His services are needed in the vacant pastorates, often by the missionary pastor, and also by his presence to enlist the larger sympathies and assistance of the stronger and self-supporting churches in our mission work.

It is the policy of your committee to encourage the stronger churches to organize community Bible schools and preaching points; also to combine weaker missions into pastorates that they may be served by one minister until such time as a field will justify the giving of a pastor's entire time to it. In short, it is the desire of the committee to give the Synod an economic, business administration.

REDUCTIONS IN AID

Reductions in aid have been made by our missions as follows: St. Paul's, Seattle, $60; St. Mark's, Los Angeles, $200; Trinity, Long Beach, $100; St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $30; St. Paul's, Los Angeles, $62.50; Trinity, Pasadena, $50; St. Paul's, Fresno, $20; Christ, Alameda, $30; the First Church, Oakland, assumed the entire moving expenses of the new pastor and also reduced its appropriation $25; St. Luke's, San Francisco, $20; and San Bernardino, $50. Total, $627.50. Our Saviour Church, Salinas, is to be commended for the cancellation of its mortgage indebtedness, in

which $1035 was contributed by the members and friends of the church.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Special appropriations were made to Trinity Church, Riverside, $80; and to Christ Church, Alameda, $130.

INCREASES

An increase of $100 was allowed to Alpaugh on account of failure to realize on crops in that locality.

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Rev. Young, $15; Grace Church, San José, $25; Rev. Feix, expenses to Fresno, $10.55; stenographer, $3.60; record book, $2; printing, $1.75; telegrams, $2.90; traveling expenses Superintendent of Missions, $48.70; committee's traveling expenses, $52.15.

Number of missions aided, 22; amount of aid received, $11,100; new missions organized, 1; benevolent contributions by the missions, $3882; total contributions by the missions, $34,806.

A number of our missions have made substantial increases in their pastors' salaries. The Sunday school in the Oakland Mission sets aside one offering each month for benevolence.

RESOLUTIONS

I. Missionary Pastorates

WHEREAS, The success of our Home Mission work requires the promotion of the highest efficiency in the pastoral relation; and

WHEREAS, To that end the Board has made it a rule that every missionary pastor must first be approved by it before entering upon his duties; and

WHEREAS, The welfare of our missions is frequently endangered by the hasty and premature termination of pastorates, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the dissolution of a missionary pastorate by either the pastor or the congregation, the approval of the Home Mission Committee should be first sought and obtained.

II. The Budget System

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension inaugurated a budget plan for the Home Mission work of the General Synod, and submitted the same to the Synods for adoption or rejection; and

WHEREAS, The Synod of California entered the budget plan in all good faith, expecting thereby to more rapidly develop this field, and to more speedily bring the missions to self-support, under the impulse of centering all reductions on the California work; and

WHEREAS, The plan has differed only in name from the system employed in the past, save that it has added to the labors of the officers of the California Synod, and an expense to the Synod in bonding an extra Treasurer; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of the California Synod be tendered to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for its hearty support of our work, and that we assure it of our fullest co-operation in the future; also be it

Resolved, 2. That we deem it wise, in the interest of economy and efficiency, to ask that the Board provide a plan by which the California Synod shall be allowed a specified sum, to be placed in the hands of the California Home Mission Committee and its Treasurer; the same to be under the control and disposal of the Home Mission Committee on the Synod's territory.

One of the difficult problems confronting all of our pastors is that of interesting the children of the Sunday school in the worship of the sanctuary. We heartily recommend the combination service to our pastors and churches. The Superintendent has been using this plan at Salinas, and at the Temple Church, San Francisco, with gratifying results. The First Church, Oakland, is also introducing the plan. We begin our worship at 10.15 A.M., and close the Bible school at 12 o'clock. As we pass from the closing hymn of the morning worship directly to the Bible classes, there is no occasion for an opening service in the school. In many of our churches the Junior Choir will enlist the interest of the children and add much to the worship in the church. With music being taught in our public schools the young people readily become very efficient in rendering the service.

Praying that God may continue His blessing upon our missions and greatly increase their power and efficiency during this year also, we beg leave to submit to you this report.

H. J. WEAVER,
J. W. BALL,
H. GEHRCKE,
N. N. FRITZ,
O. H. GRUVER, D.D.,
D. J. SNYDER,
Home Mission Committee.

H. C. FUNK,
Superintendent.

Report of the Home Mission Committee, etc. Received and considered item by item.

Item 1, adopted, with resolution that same be also a standing rule of Synod.

Item 2, adopted. Report as a whole adopted.

On motion, the matter that the home missionaries receive their salaries promptly on the first of the month was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

Partial Report of Committee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, During the past two years there has been a reduction of $2000 or more in the amount appropriated by the Home Mission Board for work on the territory of California Synod, owing to increased self-support by existing mission congregations, and without the taking up of any new fields; and

WHEREAS, New and promising fields are opening constantly, with the increase of population; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That it is the earnest judgment of the California Synod that the total appropriation for this field should be increased, rather than decreased.

Resolved, 2. Further, that we respectfully urge the Home Mission and Church Extension Board, and the Women's Executive Committee, to inaugurate at least three new missions on this territory during the next year.

For the Committee, J. W. BALL,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

The following communications have come into the hands of your committee:

1. Greetings from the President of the Pacific Synod.
2. A communication from the General Synod's Committee on Ministerial Education.
3. A letter of greeting from Rev. J. C. Pedersen, of Africa.
4. A communication from the Superintendent of Tabitha Home.
5. A statement regarding the work of the Pastors' Fund from the General Secretary, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer, D.D.
6. A communication from the delegates to the last State Christian Endeavor Convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the letter of greeting from the President of the Pacific Synod be read to Synod.
2. That the communication from the General Synod's Committee on Ministerial Education be read at the time of the consideration of the report of the Synodical Committee on Ministerial Education.
3. That the letter from Rev. J. C. Pedersen be read to Synod,

also that we as a Synod express our joy in his continued success in his far-away field of labor, and raise our prayers to the throne of grace for his continued health and success; furthermore, that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to send him a letter of greeting.

4. That the letter from the Superintendent of Tabitha Home be read on Wednesday morning at an intermission between ballots.

5. That the communication from the Christian Endeavor delegates be referred to the committee on Young People's Societies.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK,
R. W. MOTTERN,
WILLIAM ALLOWAY.

At the memorial hour, 4.30 o'clock, Dr. Hillerman read the report of the Necrological Committee.

Report of the Necrological Committee

During the past year two laymen, prominently identified with the work of our Synod from the days of its weak beginnings, were called from the scenes of the life below to the joys of the life above. These two men were the only treasurers of the Synod up to the present year. The first to hear the Master's call and to enter upon his coronation day was

DR. PETER SHINDEL LEISENRING

For seventeen years Dr. Leisenring faithfully, conscientiously, and oft in physical suffering, served the Synod as its second Treasurer. And it was in the discharge of his duty in this office that he attended the convention of Synod last year, though not physically in shape to come, and there he was stricken with his fatal illness the first day of the convention, passing to his eternal reward from beautiful Mt. Hermon three days after Synod adjourned, being in his eighty-seventh year.

Dr. Leisenring's Christianity was of a rugged type. He was true ever and under all circumstances, though, in the weakness of human flesh, error might creep in; and he expected others to stand stanchly the same testing. He could brook no violation of the divine moral standard; his will was obedient to the will of God; his faith never wavered, even amid the most trying hours, and his spirit became more tender and loving as the years went by. As the brethren of Synod gathered about his bed in the little cottage and read the precious word to him, and prayed with him, his joy was made complete in the fellowship of the saints and the communion with the Saviour. To the last, even though in intense physical suffering, he never wavered nor faltered in his trust in the heavenly Father; and

one standing by his bedside could well say, "Come, behold how a Christian can die!" His friendly counsel we shall hear no more; his earnest and fervid pleading for the right shall never again stir our souls; his concern for the welfare of our beloved Zion is a blessed memory. Surely, he being dead yet speaketh, and we rejoice that we knew him here, and in confident hope await the unbroken fellowship above.

JOHN EVERDING

Was born in the year 1824, on March 9, in Minturn, Hannover, Germany, the eldest son of a large family. When a lad of only sixteen years he came to Cincinnati. About the year 1852 he came to California, and in 1854 took up the commission business in San Francisco, and a year later established the first starch factory on the Pacific coast in Berkeley. He continued in this business until his death on March 27, 1916, at the age of ninety-two years and nineteen days.

Mr. Everding was a stanch Lutheran, confirmed in Germany and connected with the First Lutheran Church in Cincinnati. In San Francisco he was first a member of the German Lutheran Church. He helped to organize two English Lutheran Churches in that city. The first effort failed. But when the Rev. Oliver C. Miller arrived he became a charter member of the present First English Lutheran Church on Geary Street. Here he was regular in attendance and a liberal supporter during the erection of the church building and afterwards, retaining his membership to the end. But because of the fire of 1906, when he moved to Berkeley to live, and because of impaired hearing and the distance, his attendance became less regular.

Mr. Everding stood for the highest type of business integrity. His word was all that any one needed from him. He knowingly would wrong no man. He had sympathy and a helping hand for the unfortunate. His quiet philanthropy is a blessed memory today.

Mr. Everding was one of the organizers of California Synod in 1891, and became its first Treasurer, which office he held with efficiency for eight years. He last met with Synod in 1910.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Adopted by rising vote.

On behalf of the Woman's Society, Dr. Gruver offered remarks of appreciation of Mrs. Everding. Synod ordered

that copies of all these reports be sent to the families of the deceased.

Hearing the report of the Ministerium made a special order. The recommendation of the Ministerium was adopted. (See page 39.)

Report of Apportionment Committee

We recommend that the apportionment for each item of benevolence remain as last year, except that there be an increase of 5 cents for Synodical Treasury and 5 cents for Ministerial Education, making the apportionment $2.40 per communicant member.

(See Appendix D.)

Respectfully submitted, A. E. ISHAM,
Statistical Secretary.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Romich.

MONDAY EVENING SERVICE

This service, conducted by the President of Synod, assisted by the Vice-President and the Secretary. Rev. H. C. Funk, Missionary Superintendent, delivered the sermon on the subject, "The Mission of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast." At this service Mr. John A. St. Clair was set apart by licensure to the gospel ministry.

FIFTH SESSION

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

The half-hour devotional period conducted by Rev. Derr, who made an address on "The Demands of the Gospel," from fifth and sixth chapters of Galatians.

Prayers by Revs. Feix and Snyder.

Roll called. Minutes read and adopted.

Election of delegates to the General Synod ensued. President appointed as tellers to conduct the election delegates

Popert and Schoch for the clerical, and Revs. Hillerman, Goll and Crouser for the lay.

The election resulted as follows: Clerical, primarii, Revs. H. C. Funk, A. E. Isham, H. Gehrcke, H. J. Weaver; alternates, Revs. C. F. Oehler, R. W. Mottern, J. W. Romich, W. S. Hoskinson. Lay delegates, primarii, N. C. Christiansen, A. W. Jumper, N. N. Fritz, James Popert; alternates, Dr. T. H. De Witz, W. N. Grant, A. A. Maxwell, A. E. Scheper.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

Your committee, recognizing the power of a consecrated and intelligent youth, and convinced of the necessity of proper training for effective service in the church in the days to come, would recommend, that, in view especially of the significant opportunity of this quadricentennial Reformation year, the Young People's Societies of the Synod be urged to use every opportunity to disseminate information on Lutheran history, doctrine and activities, making special use of the regular meetings of the societies to this end.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
W. H. DERR,
HOWARD FISCUS.

Report of Committee on Claims

Your committee recommends that the bills for the following amounts be paid by the Treasurer:

Orphans' Industrial School for printing	$9 51
Orphans' Industrial School for expressage	1 95
Graves & Hersey for programs	5 50
Lutheran Church Work and Observer for cut of Dr. Leisenring	1 65
Recording Secretary for salary	25 00
President for postage	2 07
Statistical Secretary for postage, etc.	3 10
Treasurer for expressage	2 87
Rev. G. H. Hillerman for postage	1 25
Rev. J. W. Ball for expense of Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee	2 80
Janitor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Long Beach	5 00
Traveling expenses of pastors to Synod	151 51
	$212 21

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER,
J. F. REIMER.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Claims be adopted and the Trustees of Synod be authorized to borrow money sufficient to meet these claims until such time as sufficient apportionment be paid in by the churches.

Report of Committee on Applications of New Congregations

Your Committee on Applications of New Congregations begs to submit the following report:

Two applications were placed in the hands of your committee for admission into Synod, one from the Temple Evangelical Lutheran Church, San Francisco, and the other from the Swedish-Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Association of San Francisco. Copies of the constitutions of these congregations accompanied the applications.

Your committee has carefully examined the papers and find that the Temple Evangelical Lutheran Church, San Francisco, is in conformity with the constitution of the General Synod, and, whereas, Immanuel Lutheran Church ceased to exist, and Temple Lutheran Church is occupying that territory, we therefore recommend that this congregation be received into Synod.

In reference to the Swedish-Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Association we recommend its reception as a member of the California Synod when it shall have in its constitution pledged itself to the Formula of Government of the General Synod, to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN GEHRCKE,
JOHN R. BRAEUER,
WALTER N. GRANT.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

We find the Minutes of Synod carefully kept and well prepared by the Secretary. Your attention is called to the following items:

President's Report, page 12. Has the error in the Synodical Roll been corrected? Yes.

It was also recommended that the Treasurer's books be audited before the meeting of Synod. Has this been done? Yes.

On page 38—A resolution to bond the Treasurer of Synod and to install an accounting system. Has this been done? An accounting system was installed.

On page 41—A series of resolutions. To what extent have they been carried into effect? First resolution was complied with. The items of the second resolution were not complied with and was referred to the Treasurer with power to act.

For the Committee,

H. C. FUNK.

This motion passed:

Resolved, That matters referred to in Resolution 14, Minutes of 1915, be referred to the Treasurer of Synod, with power to act at his discretion.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Hoskinson.

SIXTH SESSION

TUESDAY, 2 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. Hoick. Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

Your Sunday School Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Dr. C. P. Wiles, Editor of our Lutheran Sunday school literature, with reference to a synodical Sunday school secretary, recommend:

1. That a synodical Sunday school secretary be appointed.
2. That he enter into communication with Dr. Wiles and render the service desired by our Publication Society.
3. That he be authorized to arrange for Lutheran Sunday school institutes in such places within the bounds of Synod as is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. DYSINGER,
J. E. STERMER,
N. C. CHRISTIANSEN.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, It is recognized among leading educators that religion is a vital factor in the formation of character, and in the proper education of the individual; and,

WHEREAS, It is well known that in our high schools, normal schools and state university, and, to some extent, in our grammar schools, some of the instructors use their influence for undermining religious faith, contrary, as we believe, to the spirit of the American constitution; therefore be it

1. *Resolved,* That we enter our earnest and emphatic protest against this practice on the part of such instructors, believing firmly that if state policy properly prevents the teaching of a system of religion, it should equally prevent the teaching of irreligion;

2. *Resolved,* further, that we invite the co-operation of other religious bodies to secure the remedying of this condition, and that the State Church Federation be requested to take steps toward this end.

3. *Resolved,* That the sincere thanks of the Synod are hereby expressed to the pastor and members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Long Beach for their splendid hospitality in the entertainment of the Synod, and that this resolution be presented in proper form at this evening's service.

4. *Resolved,* That the sum of $25.00 be paid to the Rev. N. N. Harter for service as Secretary of Synod.

5. *Resolved,* That the sum of $5.00 be allowed to the janitor of Trinity Church for services during this convention.

6. *Resolved,* That 750 copies of the minutes be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

7. *Resolved,* That we pledge anew our loyalty to all the Boards of the General Synod and urge our pastors and churches to put forth extra efforts, if necessary, to meet the full apportionment for these and other objects.

8. *Resolved,* That we commend the officers of Synod for faithfulness and efficiency in office, that we especially commend the sending out from time to time of reminders by the Treasurer of Synod; and we trust that this innovation will be continued.

9. *Resolved,* That because of the great distance to California Synod points we urgently ask the Publication Society to give preference in time of shipment to all orders for supplies from this territory.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BALL,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

Considered and adopted by items. Adopted as a whole.

Choosing of place of next meeting postponed by vote to Wednesday morning.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

In accordance with the rule of Synod our beneficiaries have signed notes in full amount for aid received. Both have made satisfactory progress in their studies in Midland College. We recommend:

1. That Bro. Fred Maurer be granted $150 aid for this year.

2. That Bro. Frederick Weisenborn be granted $150 for regular expenses and $50 extra for unusual expenses.

3. That the Day of Prayer for Colleges be observed in our churches in February next.

4. That some time during this convention we have a period of prayer for the directing of more young men into ministry.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
J. E. HOICK.

Report of Committee on Temperance

According to our Lutheran standard the word of God is the only rule and regulation not only in regard to our faith, but also in matters pertaining to our life, and, therefore, by the word of God we must regulate our eating and our drinking, and the proper use of all of God's gifts to man. Every gift of God is good and none is to be despised.

The word teaches us that God condemns the excess and abuse of both food and drink, such as are practiced by the glutton and the drunkard.

"The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty"—Prov. 23:21.

In the question of temperance God speaks to us in terms that cannot be mistaken.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"—Prov. 20:1.

Intemperance leads to misery.

"Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine. At last it biteth like an adder and stingeth like a serpent"—Prov. 23:29-32.

Note also into what company the Bible places the drunkard.

"Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor thieves, nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God"—1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

God tells us whose company a Christian should shun.

"But I have written you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or an idolater or a drunkard; with such do not eat"—1 Cor. 5:11. "Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ"—Rom. 13:13.

1. *Resolved,* That we in Synod assembled admonish the members of our congregations "to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"—Ephes. 4:1.

2. *Resolved,* That as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and as citizens of a great country we practice and work for Christian and Biblical temperance, and that we promote the intellectual, moral and

religious betterment of all classes of people, and that we pray God for guidance and help in all questions that concern the wise use of His gifts, our bodily welfare and the salvation of our souls.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER,
H. S. FEIX.

The following, presented by Dr. Hoskinson, was adopted:

Resolved, That in agreement with many previous resolutions of this Synod, declaring its attitude on the great temperance question, we affirm our unqualified opposition to the retail liquor traffic, and urge our people to support, in every way possible, the pending campaign to abolish the saloon and kindred evils from this State.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee on the President's Report notes the careful and systematic manner in which all the business of Synod has been conducted and recorded.

The four recommendations are commended to the careful consideration of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER,
G. P. GOLL,
H. S. FEIX.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses

Excuses were received from the following brethren: J. C. Pedersen, John Gutleben, L. C. Routzahn, E. F. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart, Augustus A. Bahr, J. K. Reed, J. J. Chambers, A. Jatho, E. G. Lund, S. W. Young, M. F. Rinker and W. Brandes.

We recommend they be excused.

The following sent no communications to Synod: W. J. Roehmer, Howard Stafford and E. Junghans.

We recommend they be excused.

Revs. Oehler and Romich arrived late at Synod.

We recommend they be excused.

The Rev. Dr. Braeuer, being absent from Synod for a day and a half without permission, we recommend that he be not excused.

Rev. Feix, for good reasons, has been excused a day before the close of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. ROMICH,
JAMES POPERT,
N. N. HARTER.

Report of Representative of "Lutheran Church Work and Observer"

Your official representative of *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* takes pleasure in reporting that this paper has now over 21,000 subscribers, being the largest list carried by any Lutheran weekly. During this quadricentennial year, when the eyes of the world will be focused on the Lutheran Church, every Lutheran should be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him; and the church paper, filled with Reformation anniversary articles, will be his best storehouse of information. Your representative is willing to aid any pastor in any way in his power to increase his subscription list.

During the year items on the California work were furnished the paper at fairly regular intervals. The one great need in this publicity campaign is for the pastors to send items to the correspondent, and to make them definite and brief.

We recommend:

1. That Synod urge the congregations to emphasize *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* this year, with a view to raising our subscription list to five hundred before the 1917 convention.

2. That the pastors be requested to keep the correspondent regularly supplied with news items from their congregations and communities.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

Rev Gehrcke reported verbally on *Zionsbote,* and Rev. Derr on *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

Prayer by Rev. Stermer. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE

At the Tuesday evening worship the altar service was conducted by Revs. W. S. Dysinger, J. E. Stermer and D. J. Snyder. Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., preached the sermon on "The Growth of the Church," from Acts 9:31.

SEVENTH SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.

The devotions were led by Rev. W. H. Derr. Rev. Romich offered prayer. A season of special prayer was en-

gaged in in behalf of the cause of young men for the gospel ministry. Prayers offered by Revs. W. S. Hoskinson, D.D., W. S. Dysinger and H. J. Weaver, D.D.

Roll called. Minutes read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Federation of Lutheran Synods

WHEREAS, the General Synod has endorsed and recommended to the district Synods for adoption, the plan for a proposed Federation of Lutheran Synods, which shall have for its object the defence of the faith as expressed by the unaltered Augsburg Confession, and the furthering of the unity of our various Lutheran Synods; be it

Resolved, That California Synod approve the plan and elect a representative to the Federation.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
WILLIAM J. DENTLER,
JOSEPH E. STERMER.

Invitation to entertain the Synod at its next convention was extended from the First Lutheran Church, of San Francisco. Invitation accepted.

The following, growing out of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, was presented by Dr. Hillerman:

Changes in Constitution

Notice is given of the following changes in the constitution of Synod, that will be submitted for adoption at the convention of 1917:

Article V, Section 4. (6) He shall close his books the fifteenth day of the month preceding the conventions of Synod, and all moneys received thereafter shall be credited on the new synodical year.

Article VIII, Section 1. This Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

Report of Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood

Your Committee on Brotherhood report that we have a letter from the General Committee, urging our churches to form Brotherhoods, who shall participate in the celebration of the quadricentennial of our Church.

We recommend that matter to the consideration of our pastors, with a request that the request of the committee be complied with wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. EBELING,
N. N. FRITZ,
HARRY FAUST.

Report of Directors of California Educational Institution

The Directors of the California Educational Institution beg to present their report as follows:

Owing to the unfavorable conditions existing during the year, consisting chiefly of continued financial depression on the Pacific coast, and the decision of the Board of Education that it has no authority to promise the suggested duplication of funds raised by the Synod for the proposed theological seminary, nothing has been accomplished during the year along these lines. Nevertheless, the need for the seminary is as great as ever, and even greater.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That California Synod pledges its moral and financial support to the establishment of a Lutheran Theological Seminary in California during the year 1917.

2. *Resolved,* That a represeentative be appointed to present this matter to congregations and individuals and secure contributions and pledges for this purpose.

3. *Resolved,* That we memorialize the General Synod to aid in establishing the proposed seminary during the year 1917, and to direct the Board of Education to expend a sum equal to the amount raised within California Synod for this purpose, to the amount of $10,000, and the salary of one professor.

4. *Resolved,* That we instruct our delegates to the General Synod to see that this memorial is properly presented, and to use their utmost endeavor to secure favorable action.

Respectfully submitted, THE DIRECTORS.

Report of the Statistical Secretary on Apportionment submitted. (See Appendix D.)

Election of Officers

Tellers appointed for the election of officers: Delegates

N. N. Fritz, N. C. Christiansen and Howard Fiscus; and Revs. H. J. Weaver and W. H. Derr and delegate Wilmer Schoch for the election of members to the Home Mission Committee. (For result, of the election, see page 3.)

Reports on the work of the General Boards and Institutions heard between ballots during the elections. Deaconess Work, Dr. Weaver; Tabitha Home, Rev. Mottern; Board of Education, Dr. Ball; Pastors' Fund Society, Rev. Mottern.

In connection with the last named, the following recommendations were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily endorses the plans of the Pastors' Fund Society to secure a Permanent Endowment Fund, and pledges its co-operation to carry them into effect.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three, two clerical and one lay members, to be known as the Advisory Committee on Pastors' Fund and Ministerial Relief.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod and this committee be and are hereby authorized to co-operate with the General Secretary of the Pastors' Fund in his campaign for a Permanent Endowment Fund, and the enlarged work of this helpful department.

A letter from Missionary Pedersen was read to the Synod.

Synod took recess for a few minutes to give place to a meeting of the Ministerium. (See page 39.)

Synod resumed session. On motion, the President was empowered to appoint a fraternal delegate to the Pacific Synod.

Minutes read and approved.

Synod adjourned finally with the use of the prescribed forms of the General Synod.

I hereby certify that all the reports and resolutions in these printed Minutes were adopted by the Synod, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing

Minutes are a correct record of the transactions of the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Synod of California.

N. N. HARTER,
Secretary.

NOTE.—The order of business was aranged for all the sessions by the Committee on Reference and Counsel.—N. N. Harter, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM

LONG BEACH, CAL., SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 1916, 7.30 P.M.

Ministerium met. Led in prayer by Rev. W. R. Swickard.

Report of Committee on Examination for the Ministry

Your committee has received the application of Mr. John A. St. Clair for admission to this Synod; the application comes with the endorsement of his pastor, Rev. R. W. Mottern.

We recommend that the examination of Mr. St. Clair proceed in accord with the Constitution of Synod, Art. VI, Sec. 3; and that the examination be conducted for the Synod by the members of the Examining Committee; and that Mr. St. Clair be invited to appear before the Ministerium at once.

Rev. H. C. Funk will conduct the examination in the place of Rev. J. W. Romich, and Rev. H. Gehrcke in place of Rev. A. Jatho, who are detained from this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Chairman.

The examination was made and the following action taken:

Resolved, That Mr. J. A. St. Clair be licensed for one year by the California Synod to preach the gospel in the ministry of the Lutheran Church; and that the service of licensure take place Monday evening, subject to the aproval of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Dysinger.

Attest: N. N. HARTER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1916.

Ministerium met. (See Minutes of Synod, page 37.)
Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.
Adjourned.

N. N. HARTER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of Treasurer, 1915-1916

Churches	Objects on Apportionment															External Objects				Grand Total
	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	California Home Missions	Total	Excess	Deficit	German Mission Relief	Protege in India	Pastors' Fund Endowment	Other Objects	
Alameda, Christ	$4 00	$8 00	$20 00	$16 00	$13 00	$10 00	$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$3 00	$3 00	$25 00	$117 00			$10 00		$15 00		$142 00
Alpaugh, First	4 00	9 00	24 00	20 00	16 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	31 00	141 00	1 00		2 00	45 00	1 00	*3 00	192 00
Fresno, St. Paul's	3 00	5 00	9 00	15 00	11 60	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	14 00	64 85		458 15					64 85
Fresno, Wartburg		55 00										45 00	100 00		1006 00					100 00
Glendale, First	2 00	5 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	71 00							71 00
Long Beach, Trinity	7 00	14 00	38 00	41 00	25 00	19 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	48 00	232 00	10 00		10 00				242 00
Los Angeles, First	31 00	66 00	176 00	141 00	115 00	88 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	22 00	22 00	221 00	1014 00							1014 00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	8 00	17 00	44 00	35 00	29 00	22 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	6 00	6 00	55 00	255 00			3 52				258 52
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	4 00	8 00	21 00	17 00	14 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	27 00	123 00							123 00
Oakland, First	7 00	14 00	39 00	31 00	25 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	49 00	225 00							225 00
Pasadena, Trinity	6 00	14 00	36 00	29 00	24 00	18 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	46 00	210 00			43 90				253 90
Phoenix, Grace	3 00	6 00	16 00	13 00	10 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	20 00	92 00							92 00
Redlands, First	4 00	8 00	22 00	17 00	14 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	27 00	124 00							124 00
Riverside, Trinity	5 00	11 00	30 00	24 00	20 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	38 00	175 00						†5 00	180 00
Sacramento, First	5 00	10 00		4 00								15 00	34 00		118 00					34 00
Sacramento, German		46 00	68 00	60 00	41 00	30 00		8 00			50 00	154 00	457 00		252 00	10 00	15 00			482 00
Salinas, Our Saviour	2 00	5 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	34 50	94 50	17 50						94 50
San Bernardino, First	7 00	15 00	41 00	33 00	27 00	21 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	52 00	236 00							236 00
San Diego, First	11 00	24 00	64 00	51 00	200 00	32 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	80 00	526 00	158 00		11 00	25 00		‡24 00	586 00
San Francisco, First	3 00	4 00	22 00	10 00		12 00	10 00	2 00	5 00			30 00	98 00		136 00	25 00				123 00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	6 00	12 00	8 00		4 00								30 00		154 00					30 00
San Francisco, St. Luke's			8 00										8 00		56 00					8 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	10 00	21 00	56 00	5 00	36 00	20 00	10 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	32 00	232 00		90 00					232 00
San Francisco, Temple												25 00	25 00		121 00					25 00
Sanger, St. Paul's		2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	3 00						5 00	19 00		332 00					19 00
San Jose, Grace	7 00	14 00	38 00					9 00					68 00		148 00					68 00
Santa Barbara, Grace		6 00	20 00	10 00	13 00		8 00		2 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	70 00		47 00					70 00
Seattle, St. Paul's															140 00					
W. H. and F. M. Soc.		25 00											25 00							25 00
E. F. A. Hantel			2 50			2 50		2 00				5 00	12 00							12 00
L. C. Routzahn		5 00					5 00					5 00	15 00							15 00
M. F. Rinker		50											50							50
Total	139 00	429 50	831 50	595 00	657 60	368 50	183 00	186 00	171 00	89 00	140 25	1103 50	4893 85			115 42	85 00	16 00	32 00	5142 27

APPENDIX B.—Treasurer's Financial Report

Your Treasurer presents the following detailed statement of moneys received and disbursed by California Synod from October 12, 1915, to September 21, 1916, inclusive.

RECEIPTS

To Balance from former Treasurer:		
General Synod	$57.00	
Synodical Treasury	59.40	
Foreign Missions	10.00	
Ministerial Education	100.44	
Deaconess Board	3.00	
Home for the Aged	1.00	
Tabitha Home	1.00	
California Home Missions	178.48	
		$410.32
To Remittance from Churches of Synod:		
General Synod	$139.00	
Synodical Treasury	429.50	
Home Missions	831.50	
Foreign Missions	595.00	
Church Extension	657.60	
Board of Education	368.50	
Ministerial Education	183.00	
Pastors' Fund	186.00	
Deaconess Board	171.00	
Home for the Aged	89.00	
Tabitha Home	140.25	
California HomeMissions	1103.50	
German Mission Relief	115.42	
Deaconess Building Fund	24.00	
Protege in India	85.00	
Nachusa Orphanage	5.00	
Pastors' Fund Endowment	16.00	
Tabitha Elevator	3.00	
		$5142.27
TOTAL		$5552.59

DISBURSEMENTS

By Overdraft to former Treasurer:			
Home Missions		$15.00	
Pastors' Fund		3.00	
			$18.00
By Remittance to Treasurers of Boards:			
General Synod		$150.00	
Synodical Treasury (on orders)		330.52	
Home Missions & Church Extension:			
Home Missions	$816.50		
Church Extension	657.60		
		1474.10	
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	$605.00		
Ger. Miss. Relief	115.42		
Protege in India	85.00		
		805.42	
Board of Education		368.50	
Ministerial Education:			
Fred C. Maurer	$125.00		
Frederick Weisenborn	125.00		
		250.00	
Pastors' Fund:			
General Fund	$183.00		
Endowment Fund	16.00		
		199.00	
Deaconess Board:			
General Fund	$174.00		
Building Fund	24.00		
		198.00	
Home for the Aged		90.00	
Tabitha Home:			
General Fund	$141.25		
Elevator Fund	3.00		
		144.25	
Calif. Home Missions:			
Orders of President	$194.10		
Treas. H. M. Com.	1087.88		
		1281.98	
Nachusa Orphanage		5.00	
			$5296.77
By Cash on hand to balance:			
General Synod		$46.00	
Synodical Treasury		158.38	
Ministerial Education		33.44	
			$237.82
TOTAL			$5552.59

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct according to Treasurer's Cash Book, Journal, Ledger, Bank Balance Sheet, Vouchers, etc.

E. E. FOCHT,
JOHN C. FROHLIGER.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL. Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work."	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Membership. Communicant.	Membership. Confirmed.	Membership. Baptized.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contributions For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions For Benevolence.
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1				16	5	1	3					1	1	50	65	90	$6000		$677	$400	1	7	70				$140	$37
2	E. H. Combs	Alpaugh	First	1		2			8			16	1	1		1		47	95	126	6000	$675	977	25	1	21	95	6	6	20	132	23
3	Carl Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1		1		17		5		30	58		17		35	235	235	670	6400	3800	550	600	1	13	90				35	6
4	Vacant	Fresno	Wartburg†	1														481	495	1107	7900											
5	R. W. Mottern	Glendale	First	1		1		2	4			13	2		3	5	8	35	64	84	1300	300	422	375	1	9	55			5	62	10
6	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1		2		7	8	2	5	4	11		5	3	7	102	122	170	12000	2175	1316	45	1	15	75	9	6	10	102	75
7	W. S. Dysinger	Los Angeles	First	1		3		18		2	20	15	21	2	11	22	21	462	742	905	90000	12500	5492	1975	1	30	271			30	513	156
8	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1		2		20	50	2	6	14	4	2	4	9	11	115	160	218	14500	3800	1448	478	1	16	122		28	27	270	66
9	J. E. Hoick	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1		2	1	5	8	1	7	7	10	3	3	4	9	57	63	75	4000	2172	488	385	1	15	125			12	146	26
10	G. H. Hillerman	Oakland	First	1		2		14	23	2	5	32	3		4	3	1	75	117	149	60000	7750	1674	750	1	12	111	16		15	109	48
11	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1		2		3	12		1		3		3	5	5	103	119	139	12000	1400	949	125	1	9	61		10	8	85	36
12	J. E. Stermer	Phoenix	Grace	1				9	6	1		5	3	3	4	5	7	44	60	80	1550	251	640	1181	1	8	40			24	106	36
13	A. E. Isham	Redlands	First	1		2		6	20	1	1	2	6		5	8	9	63	73	118	10000		780	450	1	10	102			18	150	43
14	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1		2		30	7	3	5		7	1		3	5	80	95	110	6000		1261		1	14	86		14	5	69	158
15	W. S. Hoskinson	Sacramento	First	1		1		7	9		1	8	4	5	11		3	75	155	220	25000	2000	1200	825	1	10	80			29	75	
16	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German*	1		2		18	18	6		12	39		18			308	550	780	90000	4600	3800	1600	1	20	200				250	65
17	Vacant	Salinas	Our Saviour	1		1		9	4				1	1	7			40	60	81	4500	200	377	1048	1	4	20				18	69
18	W. J. Dentler	San Bernardino	First	1		3		15	2	1	1	10	9			1	2	95	129	195	6300	2475	611	208	1	10	110	6			65	75
19	J. W. Romich	San Diego	First	1		3	1	20	40	5	19	6	13	2	4	5	3	124	221	281	22000		2146		1	17	100		43	20	185	119
20	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1		3		9	7	3	6	3	6	1	9	2	2	119	163		60000	4700	3768		1	13	104		10	18	89	35
21	Adolph Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1				4	3	5		2	9		4			76	128	231	16500		835	470	1	4	40				86	12
22	W. R. Swickard	San Francisco	St. Luke's	1			1	8	1	2	4		10	3	7	1	1	34	51	93	1000	340	526	174	1	6	75		7		140	8
23	Herman Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1				18	17	3	3		34		18	3		155	307	488	42000	7450	2885	630	1	15	98				305	56
24	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1				32		7	2		87	3	22			549	587	1146	180000		2940	423	1	16	168				137	60
25	Vacant	Sanger	St. Paul's†	1														152	154	339	2900											
26	W. E. Crouser	San Jose	Grace	1		1				1			9	1		3	8	102	165	211	20000	2000	1332		1	15	93			18	71	38
27	G. P. Goll	Santa Barbara	Grace*	1		2		3			1		3		6	5	6	66	72	90	12000	1335	1336		1	7	59				101	25
28	H. C. Stafford	Seattle	St. Paul's	1		1		12	8		2	6	4	1	1	5	3	63	80	101	12000	5000	450	226	1	15	160		3	15	225	10
29	Totals for 1916			28		38	3	301	278	58	92	186	357	29	166	93	147	3474	5317	8277	731850	64923	38900	13703	26	331	2620	27	87	274	3672	1272
30	Totals for 1915			28	1	43	5	319	243	100	86	123	418	21	226	181	192	3816	5102	8167	735200	70975	39616	10120	28	343	3093	21	138	230	3692	1096

Index Number.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions For Local Objects.	Contributions For Benevolence.	Woman's Miss. Societies: Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work."	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	Brotherhoods: Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	Dues: General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Benevolence: Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1												$4	$8	$45	$26	$13	$10	$5		$20		$5	$3	$3	$6	$148	$1225
2	1	20	$4	$29	1	32			$224			4	9	55	20	16	12	6	$30	6		6	3	3	30	200	1202
3	1	24	60	5	1	34			115			7	8	26	15	12	1	1		2		1	1	1	2	83	1233
4																											
5	1	12			1	6		4	11			2	5	27	10	8	6	3	11	3		3	2	2		82	879
6	1	24	8	23	1	16		5	61			7	14	86	51	25	19	10	61	10		10	5	5	15	318	1679
7	3	57	37	58	3	83	31		249			31	66	397	143	115	88	44	246	44		44	22	22	202	1464	8931
8	1	23	5		1	27		13	224	1	19	8	17	99	42	29	22	11	71	11		11	6	8	32	367	2293
9	1	15	5		1	12	1	6	30			4	8	48	17	14	11	5	30	5		5	3	3	5	158	1031
10	2	35	64	5	1	15	1	6	42			7	14	88	31	25	20	10	42	10		14	5	5	6	277	2701
11	1	30	18	44	2	38	2	23	79			6	14	89	73	24	18	9		9		9	5	5		261	1335
12					1	36	1	1	342			3	6	36	13	10	8	4		4		4	2	2	10	102	1923
13	1	10	10		1	14	3	12	45			4	8	49	17	14	11	5	41	5		5	3	3	21	145	1375
14	1	30	10	38	1	21	4	17	97			5	11	68	24	20	15	8	97	8	$5	31	4	4	61	361	1622
15	1	10	5		1	10	1	7	22	1	15	5	10	15	4				22							56	2081
16	2	70	150	66	1	85	16	20	230				46	222	85	41	30		230	8		12		50	337	1061	6461
17	1	16	16									2	5	48	11	9	7	3		3		3	2	2		95	1520
18	1	10			1	12		12	30			7	15	93	33	27	21	10	30	10		10	5	5		266	1085
19	2	47	79	89	1	29	7	22	171			11	24	144	87	200	32	16	171	16		40	8	8	45	802	2948
20	1	17	21	5	1	14			49			3	4	52	10		12	10	49	2		5			10	157	3925
21					1			7	57			6	12	8		4			43						384	457	1762
22														8												8	708
23	2	75	187	25	2	39		5	80			10	21	88	5	36	20	10	45	14		14	7	7	275	552	4067
24	2	56	82	38	1	124	3		450																		
25																											
26	1	24	17	10	1	10	1	6	63			7	14	63					63	9					135	291	1623
27	1	18	22	2	1	24	1	8	95				6	20	10	13		8	30		5	2	3	3	47	145	1706
28	2	40	10									2	3	10		18									25	58	1818
29	30	713	810	437	26	681	72	174	2766	2	34	145	348	1884	740	673	363	178	1282	199	10	234	89	141	1648	8457	61014
30	32	806	658	509	23	661	37	197	2132	2	30	116	246	1667	976	960	363	196	1362	158	13	188	75	92	2304	9811	61390
31			152		3	20	25		634		4	29	102	217						41		46	14	49			
32	2	93		72				23							236	287		18	50		3				656	1354	376

APPENDIX D.—Apportionment, 1916-1917

Churches	Communicant	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	California Home Missions	Totals
		.07	.20	.40	.32	.26	.20	.15	.10	.10	.05	.05	.50	2.40
Alameda, Christ	50	$4	$10	$20	$16	$13	$10	$8	$5	$5	$3	$3	$25	$122
Alpaugh, First	47	3	9	19	15	12	9	7	5	5	2	2	24	112
Fresno, St. Paul's	235	16	47	94	75	61	47	35	24	24	12	12	118	565
Fresno, Wartburg	481	34	96	192	154	125	96	72	48	48	24	24	241	1154
Glendale, First	35	2	7	14	11	9	7	5	4	4	2	2	18	85
Long Beach, Trinity	102	7	20	41	33	27	20	15	10	10	5	5	51	244
Los Angeles, First	462	32	92	185	148	120	92	69	46	46	23	23	231	1107
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	115	8	23	46	37	30	23	17	12	12	6	6	58	278
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	57	4	11	23	18	15	11	9	6	6	3	3	29	138
Oakland, First	75	5	15	30	24	20	15	11	8	8	4	4	38	182
Pasadena, Trinity	103	7	21	41	33	27	21	15	10	10	5	5	52	247
Phœnix, Ariz., Grace	44	3	9	18	14	11	9	7	4	4	2	2	22	105
Redlands, First	63	4	13	25	20	16	13	9	6	6	3	3	32	150
Riverside, Trinity	80	6	16	32	26	21	16	12	8	8	4	4	40	193
Sacramento, First	75	5	15	30	24	20	15	11	8	8	4	4	38	182
Sacramento, German	308	22	62	123	99	80	62	46	31	31	15	15	154	740
Salinas, Our Saviour	40	3	8	16	13	10	8	6	4	4	2	2	20	96
San Bernardino, First	95	7	19	38	30	25	19	14	10	10	5	5	48	230
San Diego, First	124	9	25	50	40	32	25	19	12	12	6	6	62	298
San Francisco, First	119	8	24	48	38	31	24	18	12	12	6	6	60	287
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	76	5	15	30	24	20	15	11	8	8	4	4	38	182
San Francisco, St. Luke's	34	2	7	14	11	9	7	5	4	4	2	2	18	85
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	155	11	31	62	50	40	31	23	16	16	8	8	78	374
San Francisco, Temple	30	2	6	12	10	8	6	5	3	3	2	2	15	74
Sanger, St. Paul's	152	11	30	61	49	40	30	23	15	15	8	8	76	366
San José, Grace	102	7	20	41	33	27	20	15	10	10	5	5	51	244
Santa Barbara, Grace	66	5	13	26	21	17	13	10	7	7	3	3	33	158
Seattle, Wash., St. Paul's	63	4	13	25	20	16	13	9	6	6	3	3	33	158

APPENDIX E.—Treasurer's Report of the Home Mission Committee of the California Synod

Money received from Rev. Oscar H. Gruver Treasurer of the California Synod.

RECEIPTS, 1916

Dec. 13, 1915	$67.38
Jan. 4, 1916...	111.50
Jan. 10th.....	20.00
Feb. 3rd.....	88.00
Feb. 28th.....	37.00
Mar. 8th.....	56.00
Apr. 5th.....	32.50
May 8th.....	123.00
May 29th.....	57.00
June 16th.....	112.00
July 3rd.....	62.00
Aug. 1st.....	121.00
Aug. 7th.....	10.00
Sept. 5th.....	40.00
Sept. 25th....	150.50
Total.....	$1087.88

DISBURSEMENTS 1915 and 1916

Dec. 14, 1915	Rev. H. S. Feix.....	$10.55
Dec. 14	Rev. O. H. Gruver.....	14.00
Dec. 14	Rev. J. W. Ball.....	.50
Dec. 16,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	2.15
Jan. 8, 1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder, H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	2.00
Jan. 8,	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D., H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	7.00
Jan. 8,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	1.80
Jan. 8,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary.....	62.50
Feb. 10,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	72.40
Feb. 10,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary and H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.	26.80
Feb. 10,	Rev. O. H. Gruver, Salary, Oct. to Jan.....	40.00
Feb. 10,	Rev. A. E. Isham, Stenographer for San B., Con.,M.....	3.60
Mar. 6,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	67.70
Mar. 6,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., H. M. C. Meeting and Postage.....	2.35
Apr. 1,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	65.25
Apr. 10,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary and H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	26.80
May 8,	Rev. O. H. Gruver, Salary, Jan. to Apr.....	32.50
May 8,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	66.50
May 8,	Rev. D. J. Snyder, H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	2.25
May 8,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., H. M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	1.70
May 31,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., H.M. C. Meeting, L. A.....	1.70
May 31,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	65.00
June 28,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary for Dec. and June.....	125.00
July 3,	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	29.05
July 31,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling Expenses	11.50
Aug. 2,	Rev. O. H. Gruver, Salary from Apr. to July.....	32.50
Aug. 2,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	68.50
Aug. 2,	Rev. D. J. Snyder, H. M. C. Meeting.....	6.34
Sept. 8,	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary and Traveling Expenses.....	69.50
Sept. 8,	Rev. D. J. Snyder, Traveling Expenses.....	7.00
Sept. 8,	Rev. O. H. Gruver, Sundries.....	1.75
	Total.....	$926.19
	Balance on hand October 1st, 1916...	161.69
		$1087.88

Money received from Rev. H. H. Weber, D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

RECEIPTS, 1916		DISBURSEMENTS, 1916	
Feb. 1st.....	$887.88	Feb. 2nd to 16th, by ck...	$887.88
Feb. 29th.....	873.75	Mar. 1st by check.....	873.75
Mar. 31st.....	988.73	Apr. 1st, by check.....	988.73
Apr. 29th.....	913.94	Apr. 29th, by check.....	913.94
May 31.....	910.60	May 31st to June 16th, by check.....	910.60
June 29th.....	878.94	June 30th, by check.....	878.94
July 31.....	878.94	Aug. 1st, by check.....	848.94
Aug. 31.....	880.61	Sept. 1st, by check.....	850.61
Sept. 30.....	946.94	Sept. 30th, by Bal.....	60.00
		Sept. 30th, by check.....	946.94
Total.....	$8160.33	Total.....	$8160.33

Respectfully submitted, J. F. REIMER,
Treasurer Home Mission Committee.

Auditor's Report

October 16, 1916.

We, the Auditing Committee of the California Synod, have checked the above report with the orders and vouchers and find the same correct in every particular. We also beg to say that we found the work in perfect order.

WALTER N. GRANT,
N. N. FRITZ.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD AT TRINITY CHURCH, LONG BEACH, OCTOBER
14-17, 1916
(Rev. D. J. Snyder, Pastor)

FIRST SESSION

Saturday, October 14, 10 A.M.

President, Mrs. George Hillerman, presided.

The devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. J. Dentler, of San Bernardino.

The following delegates presented credentials:

Oakland—Mrs. George H. Hillerman.

Los Angeles (St. Mark's)—Mrs. W. H. Eberling.

Los Angeles (First Church)—Mrs. W. S. Dysinger.

Los Angeles (A. F. C. Society, First Church)—Miss Mabel Dysinger.

Los Angeles (St. Paul's)—Mrs. J. M. Peters.

Long Beach (Trinity)—Mrs. Alice Herring.

Redlands—Miss Hilma Johnson.

Pasadena (Trinity)—Mrs. David L. Kinser.

San Bernardino (Trinity)—Mrs. W. J. Dentler.

San Francisco (First Church)—Mrs. N. N. Fritz.

Glendale (First Church)—Mrs. Cullen.

San Diego (First Church)—Mrs. J. W. Romich.
Sacramento (German)—Mrs. C. F. Oehler.
Riverside—Mrs. J. F. Reimer.
Los Angeles (St. Paul's)—Mrs. J. E. Hoick.
Santa Barbara (Grace)—Mrs. Grant.

Officers present at convention: Mrs. George H. Hillerman, President; Mrs. R. W. Mottern, Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. Ball, Secretary; Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Historian; Mrs. D. J. Snyder, Thank-Offering Secretary; Mrs. R. W. Mottern, Home Department Secretary; Mrs. N. N. Harter, Young Peope's and Mission Band Secretary.

Mrs. King very graciously extended a hearty welcome from the Ladies' Aid Society; Miss Marjorie Curtis, from the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor; Mrs. Russellot, from the Missionary Society; Mrs. Herring, from the Sunday School; Mrs. Alexander, from the Federated Missionary Union, of Long Beach. Miss Ada Christensen, from the little people, gave the following bit of verse, which was written by Mrs. D. J. Snyder.

Twenty-five years of sincere service
  In this golden State of the golden West!
You've worked to spread the Master's kingdom,
  God grant that each has done her best.

Twenty-five years of earnest labor!
  You have sent the gospel across the sea
To millions who in darkness wait
  To know the Lord of Galilee.

Twenty-five years you've done His bidding,
  You have kept the word which He gave, "Go ye
To all the world," and, "What you do
  For these, you've done it unto me."

Now, as you meet together here,
  We welcome you to these hearts of ours;
We feel your coming is to us
  As sunshine to the blooming flowers.

And those of us who are young in years,
  Yet know the story of Jesus well,
Will try to live that by our lives
  His love to others we may tell.

Then in years to come, when you look for those
  To take up the work which you have begun,
We hope to be ready to do our part
  For our Father in heaven and His dear Son.

The President fittingly responded to these greetings.

After singing a hymn, the President's address was given, as follows:

President's Address

DEAR CO-WORKERS:

With deep gratitude to our heavenly Father we approach another convention season. For twelve months we have been laboring, praying and looking forward with pleasant anticipations to this occasion. And now, that we are permitted to greet each other once more, we rejoice over the many blessings that have been ours since we last met as a band of Christian women. Not only the mercies of the year just closed, but twenty-five years of life as a Synodical Society, "call for songs of loudest praise." May our hearts be attuned to the melody of true thanksgiving at this special twenty-fifth anniversary gathering, and may its inspiration be felt in all our societies during the days to come. How we wish that all our members might be with us to enjoy the feast of good things provided by the Program Committee, to better fit us for usefulness in the Master's service.

The records of the past year are closed, and we cannot change them, much as we might desire to do so. We may well ask ourselves, "Have we done our best?" Can the Saviour say of us, as of Mary of old, "She hath done what she could"? If we have not done all we might have done, let us resolve, by divine help, to be more faithful in the future. The Lord does not require us to be successful, only "Be thou faithful."

The facts and figures pertaining to the past year's work will be brought out in the reports of the various officers and department Secretaries, and the work of the past twenty-five years will be presented at the anniversary service, on Monday afternoon. It remains, therefore, for us to consider some of the special features of our work.

While the receipts for the year were not quite as large as those of the previous year, we feel safe in saying that this condition is

due to the war in Europe. We know of instances where societies have withheld their funds from our regular work in order to aid the sufferers in the fatherland. Not only so, but individuals, who have friends and loved ones affected by the awful strife, are sending everything they can possibly spare to relieve the suffering of others. As a result, our contributions have naturally decreased, but we have no criticism to offer, only sympathy and love to extend. We feel sure that the officers of the General Society understand the situation, and know that it is not from lack of interest that our funds have not increased.

In planning the work for the coming year, the following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. *Our Schedule for Regular Work.*—We would emphasize again the necessity of a strict observance of the proper order and time in remitting to the Treasurer; also the fact that the dues are 10 cents per member each month. The schedule is as follows: General Fund, every quarter, 30 cents per member. December quarter, Thank-offering and Christmas Offering, Free-will. March quarter, India Bed, 20 cents per member. June quarter, May Memorial, 10 cents per member. September quarter, Synodical Fee, 20 cents per member.

2. *Prompt Reports.*—Urgent requests come from our Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for more prompt service on the part of officers in transmitting reports. The work of both officers is greatly hindered by careless, indifferent and tardy reports from auxiliaries. "Let all things be done decently and in order."

3. *Subscribers to "Lutheran Woman's Work."*—Let us fall into line with the plans of our Business Manager for the Biennial Convention Magazine Chart. Every society in California can certainly secure five new subscribers before April, 1917. Our delegate must go to Wheeling with all red blocks for the California chart.

4. *Our Even Dollar Plan.*—We say "our," because this recommendation of the Omaha Convention was officially adopted last year at Mt. Hermon. Both the Treasurer and the President have spent considerable time and postage during the year in explaining the plan to the societies. The result has been gratifying, and the decimal column appears no more in our reports.

5. *Educational Contributions.*—All funds for our educational work in the foreign field are to be credited to Girls' School, India or Africa, as the case may be, instead of Protégé or Education of Girls, as formerly. Auxiliary Treasurers will please notice carefully this request.

6. *Fortieth Anniversary Fund.*—This important fund should now be given a place in the work of every auxiliary in the Synod, if we

are to report a suitable offering at the time of the fortieth anniversary celebration in 1919.

7. *Appreciation of the Program Committee's Work.*—Following the custom of the General Society, the preparation of program for convention was assigned to a committee. This committee consisted of Mrs. D. J. Snyder, Mrs. J. H. Harpster and Mrs. J. W. Ball. We desire to express our sincere thanks to these ladies for the excellent manner in which this duty was discharged.

With grateful recognition of the support and assistance rendered by officers and members of the Synodical Society during the past year, this message is submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN,
President.

Treasurer's report was read, and, upon motion, was adopted, as audited.

(For report, see Appendix A.)

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have carefully checked the books of the Treasurer with her report, and find they agree.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. WEAVER,
J. H. BAXTER.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Number of Woman's Societies	18
Number of Young People's Societies	1
Number of Children's Bands	1
Total number of Societies	20
Grand total of members, not including Life, Memorial and Home Department Members	566
Total Active Members	468
Total Honorary Members	45
Total Cradle Roll Members	53
Total Life Members	61
Total Memorial Members	1
Total Home Department Members	20
Total Members in Woman's Societies	484
Total Members in Young People's Societies	25
Total Members in Children's Bands	57
Total Number *Lutheran Woman's Work*	225
Total Number *Lutheran Boys and Girls*	210

Respectfully KATE J. STUBER.

This report came in late, and was audited by the Secretary and found correct.

Home Department Secretary, Mrs. Mottern, reported as follows:

Report of Home Department Secretary

MADAM PRESIDENT: I do not have a flattering report to give today. I brought the cause of the Home Department to the attention of the Spring Conference, and urged them to form such a department. A few weeks ago I wrote to every auxiliary asking if they had a Home Department, and, if so, how many members, and how many had become active members of their Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. I received eleven replies to my eighteen inquiries. All were negative. A few hope to organize in that line this coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. JENNIE R. MOTTERN.

Report of Literature Secretary

Tracts and leaflets have been sent monthly to seventeen auxiliaries.

Six charts, showing missionary literature (tracts, leaflets, etc.,), published by the General Literature Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, General Synod, were exhibited at the Mt. Hermon Summer School of Missions, in July.

Text-books, free tracts, and other new and helpful missionary literature, has been ordered for convention at Long Beach, also sample copies of *Lutheran Woman's Work,* to which illustrated magazine, the official organ of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, every member should be a subscriber. No one can afford to do without it if she wishes to know about missions and what her own Church is doing to bring about that great day when the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdoms of Jesus Christ.

Lutheran Woman's Work has forty pages of good, worth-while reading matter, including the regular monthly meeting topics. It is 50 cents per year.

Announcements.—With the convention literature are order blanks for "A Short Story of Lutheran Missions," by Elsie Singmaster Lewars. This will be the text-book for all Lutheran Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies for 1917. As this book will not be ready until December, "South American Neighbors" is recommended for fall and winter Mission Study Classes.

There are also order blanks for the Program Calendar. It is recommended that in order to take care of the cost of the Calendar that each member buy her own as one way of celebrating the

Reformation Anniversary. It is desirable that every one of our members own one of these Calendars as a daily reminder of the rich heritage of our Church, which we are celebrating next year.

The General Synod Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is uniting with the Missionary Societies of the General Council and United Synod of the South, so that every Lutheran missionary woman may have the same Calendar for 1917.

The General Literature Committee is enabled to offer "The King's Business" at 10 cents per copy, because of the kindness of its publishers. It is a book on efficiency, and will not soon grow out of date.

The publishers of *Everyland* have been kind enough to furnish sample copies of that delightful magazine. It will not take the place of *Lutheran Boys and Girls,* but it makes a charming present for boys and girls who one hopes will grow into missionary men and women, and the stories and suggestions in it are most helpful to older workers with children.

Respectfully submitted, ROSA A. R. FLATHMAN.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Bentz.

Reading, "The Legend Beautiful," Miss Marjorie Curtis.

Greetings from the Synod were presented by Rev. D. J. Snyder.

Solo, Little Miss Curtis.

Miss Mabel Dysinger presented "Missionary Work Among the Young People."

Solo, Mrs. Elmer Frey.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Offering, $3.01.

The session closed with a season of prayer.

THIRD SESSION

SUNDAY, 7.30 P.M.

The vesper service was in charge of Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.

Illustrated lecture on Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, Rev. G. P. Goll.

Special music was rendered by the choir.

Soloists, Miss Sarah Neilson, Mr. Warren Blair.

Offering, $12.06.

FOURTH SESSION

MONDAY, 10 A.M.

The session opened with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. W. S. Dysinger. The Scripture lesson was taken from Hebrews 11, the theme being "Faith."

The minutes for Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening were read and approved.

Seventeen delegates responded to roll-call.

The appointment of committees was as follows:

President's Report—Mrs. Dysinger, Mrs. Reimer.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Kinser.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Ebeling.

Resolutions—Miss Dysinger, Mrs. Romich.

Reporters—Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. Dentler; *Lutheran Church Work and Observer,* Mrs. Romich; *Zionsbote,* Mrs. T. M. Mieding.

Mrs. Bentz was appointed to take charge of the literature table.

Reports were received from the following societies: Glendale, Long Beach, First Church, Los Angeles; St. Mark's, Los Angeles; St. Paul's, Los Angeles; Oakland, Pasadena, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San José and Santa Barbara.

Greetings from the General Executive Committee were

read by the Secretary, also a card from Mrs. Beegle, relative to the Christmas Offering, stating that this offering will be used this year for the purchase of land at Repalli, India. She also reported that the price of *Lutheran Boys and Girls* has been raised to 35 cents per member, club rates.

Mrs. Harpster told of the importance of opening work at Repalli.

Report of Young People's and Mission Band Secretary

Number of Young People's Societies, 3. Los Angeles, First Church, active members, 35; honorary members, 2. Pasedena, active members, 15. Sacramento, First Church, active members, 12. Total active members, 62.

Number of Mission Bands, 2. Los Angeles, First Church, active members, 27; honorary member, 1. San Bernardino, active members, 20. Total active members, 47.

Total number *Lutheran Boys and Girls,* 200.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. N. N. HARTER.

An address, on "Our Opportunities and Responsibilities," was delivered by Mrs. W. S. Dysinger. She said that the flood time of opportunity for missionary work is with the child. She pointed out the love of the child for a true story, and suggested that there could be no story of more gripping interest than our own true missionary stories. Also, if we are to grasp our opportunities for seed sowing we must ourselves be saturated with Biblical and missionary literature. Be prepared with the seeds.

The Round Table, "Our Difficulties," conducted by Mrs. R. W. Mottern, was responded to by a number of the delegates. The optimistic note was sounded throughout.

The session closed with the missionary benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

MONDAY, 2 P.M.

The session opened with devotional service, conducted by Miss Mabel Dysinger. The Scripture lesson was selected from Philippians 3 and 4, the message being, "Pressing Onward."

Mrs. Hoick favored the convention with a solo.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson was read by the Secretary. Also a letter from Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer.

Solos by Mrs. Wamracot, of Long Beach, and by Mrs. J. W. Ball.

Historian's report presented by Mrs. Hoick.

Extracts from Historian's Report

The Synodical Society was organized in April, 1892, in the First Lutheran Church, of San Francisco. There were five societies at the time—Los Angeles, First Church; Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and San José. The societies in Sacramento were organized soon after the convention.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer, was present at the second convention, at Sacramento. She furnished the literature for the Synodical Society in the early days. The Literature Committee was the only standing committee.

Five of the women having a prominent part in the first two conventions have passed away: Mrs. Myers, San Francisco; Mrs. Everding, San Francisco; Mrs. Zabriskie, San José; Mrs. Garrett, Los Angeles; Mrs. Hamma, Baltimore.

Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson and Miss Minnie Love are the only two who were at the first convention who are still living in the State.

The Fifth Convention was held in San José.

The Tenth in San Francisco, First Church.

The Fifteenth in Sacramento, German.

The Twentieth in San Diego.

The Twenty-fifth in Long Beach, Trinity.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS

Mrs. S. E. Myers, Mrs. C. W. Maggart, Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Mrs. J. Everding, Mrs. Hoskinson, Mrs. R. H. Young, Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. H. M. Leech, Mrs. Hillerman.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

Sixth Convention—Miss S. E. Stoever, at Baltimore.

Seventh Convention—Mrs. A. V. Hamma, at Canton, Ohio.

Eighth Convention—Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, at Omaha.

Ninth Convention—Mrs. M. S. Stein, at Williamsport, Pa.

Tenth Convention—Mrs. G. G. Burnett, Dayton, Ohio.

Eleventh Convention—Mrs. Everding, Baltimore.

Twelfth Convention—Mrs. R. H. Young, Washington, D. C. (Absent, but sent report.)
Thirteenth Convention—Mrs. William Kelly, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Fourteenth Convention—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Springfield, Ohio.
Fifteenth Convention—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sixteenth Convention—Mrs. O. H. Gruver, Dixon, Ill.
Seventeenth Convention—Miss Kate Stuber, Louisville, Ky.
Eighteenth Convention—Mrs. J. W. Ball, York, Pa.
Nineteenth Convention—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Omaha, Neb.

LIFE MEMBERS

There have been enrolled 63; 5 have passed away, leaving 58. Honorary, 12 enrolled; 1 passed away, leaving 11. Total, 69. Memorial member, 1. 47 in the south, 22 in the north. Redlands takes the lead in having 13. First child was Evelyn Hoick. First baby, Donald Weaver. The Hillerman family of eight have the distinction of all being Life Members.

The present number of members is, active, 468. Total number, including Life and Memorial, 566. Four new Life Members have been received this year: Mrs. T. Dahl, Oakland; Mrs. Leona Snyder, Long Beach; Mrs. Mary Sax, First Church, Los Angeles, and Ruth Hillerman, San Diego.

Our gavel is made of a piece of wood from the tower of First Church, San Francisco, where the society was organized.

The autograph copy of the *Lutheran Woman's Work* was the gift of Mrs. Sullivan, of Albany. All pastors' wives in California received the magazine the first year as the gift of Mrs. Heilman.

FINANCES

The first year $138.50 was sent to General Treasurer. First Thank-offering, made in 1894, $15.30. The offering for 1915, $409. The department was established in 1904. Total Thank-offering, $3713.98. India Bed Fund was started in 1898. Total amount contributed to the fund, $810.40. Total amount contributed to all objects, $18,694.29.

The Southern Conference was organized in 1906. The Northern Conference was organized in 1910.

The Synodical Society became identified with the Mt. Hermon Federated School of Missions and the L. A. School of Missions in 1912.

California has the distinction of having most auxiliaries in proportion to the number of churches.

An address, "Twenty-five Years Ago and To-day in

India," was delivered by Mrs. Harpster, showing how very much has been accomplished in the India field during that period.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Dentler, of San Bernardino, spoke on "Every Woman a Member of the Missionary Society." Her address left no doubt in the minds of those present of not only the desirability but of the duty of every woman to be a member of the Missionary Society.

Offering, $5.65.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Mottern, after which the session adjourned to join the Synodical body in a memorial service for Mr. and Mrs. John Everding, of San Francisco, and Dr. P. S. Leisenring, of San Diego.

In Memoriam

MRS. JOHN EVERDING

Mrs. John Everding was not a Lutheran by birth, but an Episcocopalian. From her home in Nova Scotia she came to live in San Francisco as the wife of John Everding in the year 1870. When the First English Lutheran Church, on Geary Street, was organized she joined her husband in becoming a charter member of the same and heartily seconded all his efforts in building up the congregation. In the Ladies' Aid Society and the Missionary Society of her church she frequently was made President, and the fruits of some of her untiring labors are seen in the memorials in the church building to-day.

Mrs. Everding was in attendance and helped organize the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California Synod, and for two years served as its presiding officer. She always succeeded in gathering able helpers around herself as a beloved and trusted leader. Her pastor could go to her and receive encouragement through her loyalty. But in 1906, after moving to Berkeley to live, she was unable to take the part she formerly did; yet she never lost her interest in her own church or in the Synodical Society.

As a friend, Mrs. Everding was true and loyal. Her hospitality was generous, her sympathy was hearty, her advice was safe. She was considerate of other's rights. She would not compromise a principle. It was a great privilege to know her and call her one's friend. She loved her Bible and Prayer Book, and their contents became part of her life. She adored her Saviour, whose call she

heard on Tuesday, August 29, 1916, in her seventy-third year. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

SIXTH SESSION

TUESDAY, 10 A.M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Hoick. She selected John 21, with the central thought, "Giving the Bread of Life to Others," for the Scripture lesson.

The minutes of the fourth session were read, and, after a correction made in committee appointments, they were approved.

The minutes of the fifth session were read and approved.

Letters of greeting were read from Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, President of the General Executive Committee; Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, President of the General Society; Mrs. Maggart, of Topeka, and Mrs. Leech, of Berkeley, both former Presidents of this Synodical Society, and from Mrs. Maloney, President of the Society of the Northern Illinois Synod.

The session adjourned for a meeting of the Nominating Committee.

SEVENTH SESSION

TUESDAY, 2 P.M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Romich. The Scripture lesson was taken from John 15, bringing its message of "Divine Love."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. L. W. Cox gave an address upon missionary work among the Eskimos. She pictured Alaska as a most delightful country and the Eskimos as a people eager to learn Christianity.

In the absence of Mrs. Troyer, Mrs. Grace E. Carceller gave an address upon missionary work among the Mexicans.

The work being exceedingly difficult owing to the ignorance and superstition of the people.

Solo, Mrs. Elmer Frey.

Mrs. Harpster gave a talk on lace making in India, pointing out the necessity of industrial work in our India missions.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

Letters of greeting were received from the following: Mrs. Baltzly, General President, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, President General Executive Committee, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Secretary General Executive Committee, Springfield, Ohio; Miss M. Margaret Miller, Treasurer General Society, Kansas City.

Also from former Presidents of California Synodical Society: Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson, Montara, Cal.; Mrs. C. W. Maggart, Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Harvey Leech, Berkeley, Cal.

Miss Maloney sends greetings from Northern Illinois Synodical Society, which the committee recommends the Secretary to answer.

Respectfully submitted, ALICE J. HERRING,
MRS. DAVID L. KINSER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your committee has carefully examined the President's report and finds it full of evidences of careful and painstaking labor during the past year with enlarged plans for the future development of the work. To this end we present to you the recommendations found in this report. That the auxiliaries emphasize:

1. The schedule for regular work.
2. Prompt reporting.
3. The plans of the Business Manager of *Lutheran Woman's Work* for the new magazine chart.
4. The even dollar plan.
5. The educational contributions.
6. The Fortieth Anniversary Fund.

We further recommend the careful consideration of the seventh recommendation and the adoption of one of the lines of work herein suggested.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. S. DYSINGER,
MRS. J. F. REIMER.

Upon motion, the first six recommendations were adopted.

A motion, that a free-will offering be taken at the June quarter for the Girls' School at Madras, as suggested in recommendation number seven of President's report, was carried.

Upon motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, We, the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of California, have been so heartily welcomed and royally entertained by the members and friends of the First English Lutheran Church of Long Beach, Cal., be it therefore

Resolved, That we express our gratitude and appreciation for their hospitality.

WHEREAS, This has been one of the most successful and inspiring conventions of the twenty-five years, be it therefore

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Program Committee, who planned and arranged the sessions; to the speakers, who have given so many helpful suggestions, and to those who have furnished the splendid music. Be it also

Resolved, That the poem written by Mrs. D. J. Snyder, and recited by Ada Christiansen, be spread upon the minutes verbatim.

WHEREAS, We have come to the crisis in the struggle against the liquor traffic in the State of California; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, as a body of Christian women, take our stand definitely against this destructive traffic and lend our earnest prayers and efforts toward its abolition at the coming election.

WHEREAS, We have been greatly helped and instructed by the addresses of Mrs. J. H. Harpster and Mr. George P. Goll concerning the work in our fields in India and Africa, respectively, be it

Resolved, 1. That we extend to them our most hearty thanks.

Resolved, 2. That we use our convention offerings as our birthday gift to the Emma V. Day Memorial School at Muhlenberg, one dollar for each of the twenty-five years of our Synodical existence.

Respectfully submitted, MABEL A. DYSINGER,
MRS. J. W. ROMICH,

Report adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported the following:

President—Mrs. George H. Hillerman, 472 Jean Street, Oakland.

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Vice-President (South)—Mrs. W. J. Dentler, 712 Ninth Street, San Bernardino.

Secretary (North)—Mrs. A. Jatho, 1634 Adeline Street, Oakland.

Secretary (South)—Mrs. J. W. Ball, 1175 W. Thirty-seventh Street, Los Angeles.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber, 1529 P Street, Sacramento.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Reimer, 500 Fourteenth Street, Riverside.

Historian—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, 415 Evergreen Avenue, Los Angeles.

Thank-Offering—Mrs. D. J. Snyder, 1331 Atlantic Street, Long Beach.

Young People and Mission Band—Mrs. N. N. Harter, Alameda.

Home Department—Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, 914 Harvard Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Literature—Miss Rosa Flathman, 741 Adeline Street, Oakland.

Annuity—Mrs. R. W. Mottern, 340 South Central Avenue, Glendale.

Upon motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for these officers.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. H. J. Weaver, delegate to biennial convention at Wheeling, W. Va., and for Mrs. H. C. Funk, alternate.

Offering, $3.70.

The following bills were allowed:

Mrs. Hillerman, programs	$5 50
Mrs. Hillerman, programs	33 00
George P. Goll	1 50
Mrs. Ball	70
Mrs. Snyder	1 30
Miss Flathman	4 10
Mrs. Reimer	7 20
Mrs. Grace Carceller	60
Total	43 90

Upon motion, $25 was allowed for the printing of Minutes.

Upon motion, $2.50 was to be allowed in case the bill was presented by Corresponding Secretary.

Minutes were read and approved.

The President declared the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to be closed.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate: , to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

APPENDIX A.—Treasurer's Report

Names of Societies	General Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Membership	India Bed Fund	Gossner Mission	May Memorial Fund	Girls' School in Africa	Girls' School in India	Fortieth Anniversary Fund	Support of Miss Miller	Synodical Fee	Total.
Balance, September 20, 1915												$165.02	$165.02
Offering at Convention, October 9 to 12, 1915												15.05	15.05
Offering at Southern Conference, May 24, 1916						$10.00							10.00
Seminary Fund												119.25	119.25
Alpaugh	$10.00												10.00
Glendale	7.00				$1.00		$1.00					2.00	11.00
Long Beach	25.00	$20.00		$10.00	3.00							3.20	61.20
Los Angeles (First)	40.00	45.00	$5.00	10.00	5.00		5.00		$25.00	$9.00		6.00	150.00
Los Angeles (A. F. C. M. B.)	25.00						3.00		25.00				53.00
Los Angeles Kinsinger (M. B.)	3.00												3.00
Los Angeles (St. Mark's)	28.00	24.00	3.00		5.00	8.00	3.00					3.00	74.00
Los Angeles (St. Paul's)	12.00	12.00			2.00		1.00			1.00		2.00	30.00
Oakland	14.00	11.00		10.00	1.00		1.00					1.00	38.00
Oakland (C. E.)											$5.00		5.00
Pasadena	24.00	19.00			5.00		3.00					5.00	56.00
Redlands	19.00	15.00	1.00		2.00		1.00					3.00	41.00
Riverside	26.00	55.00	5.00		2.00	1.00	2.00			2.00		4.00	97.00
Sacramento (English)	8.00	6.00	1.00		1.00		1.00					1.00	18.00
Sacramento (German)	100.00	15.00	10.00		18.00	5.00	10.00		25.00			15.00	198.00
Sacramento (German C. E.)	10.00												10.00
San Bernardino	8.00	17.00	2.00		1.00							2.00	30.00
San Bernardino (Children Mission Band)	1.00												1.00
San Diego	38.00	100.00	6.00	10.00	6.00		3.00	$25.00		2.00		5.00	195.00
San Francisco (English)	14.00	9.00			2.00							2.45	27.45
San Francisco (St. Andrew's)	28.00	10.00	5.00										43.00
San Francisco (St. Matthew's)	21.00	6.00			5.00		3.00					5.00	40.00
San José	4.00	40.00			4.00		1.00						49.00
Santa Barbara	4.00	5.00	3.00		2.00		1.00						15.00
Interest on Deposit												8.62	8.62
Amount received	$469.00	$409.00	$41.00	$40.00	$65.00	$24.00	$39.00	$25.00	$75.00	$14.00	$5.00	$367.59	$1573.59
Amount remitted	469.00	409.00	41.00	40.00	65.00	24.00	39.00	25.00	75.00	14.00	5.00		1206.00
Amount in Treasury												$367.59	$367.59

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. REIMER, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B.—Financial Report, 1915-1916

RECEIPTS

Sept. 20, 1915. To Balance		$165.02
October 9 to 12, offering at convention		15.05
Seminary Fund		119.25
May 24, 1916. Offering at Southern Conference for Gossner Mission	$10.00	
General Fund	469.00	
Thank Offering	409.00	
Christmas Offering	41.00	
Life Membership	40.00	
India Bed Fund	65.00	
Gossner Mission	14.00	
May Memorial Fund	39.00	
Girls' School in Africa	25.00	
Girls' School in India	75.00	
Fortieth Anniversary Fund	14.00	
Support of Miss Miller	5.00	
Synodical Fee	59.65	
Interest on Deposit	8.62	
		$1274.27
		$1573 59

EXPENDITURES

Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treas

By General Fund	$469.00	
India Bed Fund	65.00	
Thank Offering	409.00	
Christmas Offering	41.00	
Life Membership	40.00	
May Memorial Fund	39.00	
Girls' School in Africa	25.00	
Girls' School in India	75.00	
Fortieth Anniversary Fund	14.00	
Support of Miss Miller	5.00	
Apportionment for Field Secretary	26.45	
		$1208.45

Dr. L. B. Wolf, General Secretary

By Gossner Mission		24.00
Seminary Fund		119.25
Interest on Seminary Fund		4.75
Synodical Expenses		
President for Postage	$4.00	
President for Traveling Expenses	31.50	
President for Pullman	2.50	
Mrs. Harpster	7.45	
Corresponding Secretary for Postage	2.50	
Literature Secretary for Postage	5.21	
Treasurer for Postage and Expressage of Book	5.35	
Treasurer of California Synod for Ptg. Min.,'14	25.00	
500 letter heads and envelopes	5.50	
		89.01
Balance		128.13
		$1573.59

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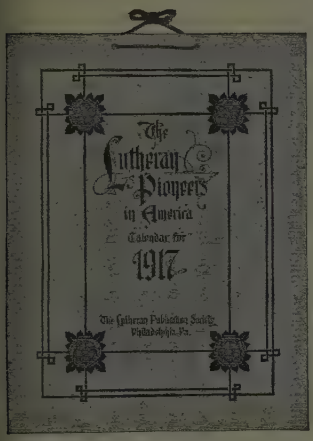

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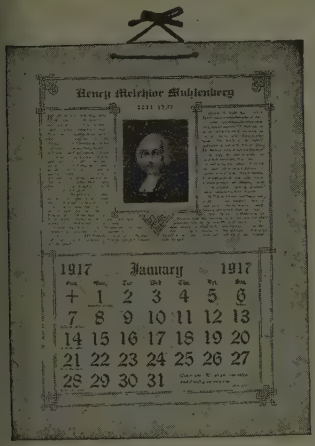

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21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

Synodical Calendar, 1917-1918

Officers of Synod.

President—REV. H. J. WEAVER, D. D., 258 Main St., Riverside, Cal.

Vice President—REV. J. R. BRAEUER, Ph. D., 2023 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal.

Recording Secretary—REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D. D., 472 Jean St., Oakland, Cal.

Statistician—REV. R. W. MOTTERN, 1109 W. Fifth St., Glendale, Cal.

Treasurer—REV. O. H. GRUVER, D. D., 385 Belmont Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Archivist—REV. H. C. STAFFORD, 1363 Palou Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent of Missions—REV. H. C. FUNK, 1653 La Salle Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

Trustees.

(The Officers of Synod.)

Executive Committee.

(Officers of Synod and Chairmen of Standing Committees.)

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Mission.

Chairman, President of Synod; Secretary, Superintendent of Missions.

Term expires 1918, REV. J. W. BALL, Ph. D., REV. O. H. GRUVER, D. D.

Term expires 1919, REV. D. J. SNYDER, REV. H. GEHRCKE.

Term expires 1920, REV. W. H. DERR, MR. N. N. FRITZ.

Treasurer, MR. J. F. REIMER, 500 14th St., Riverside, Cal.

Examination for the Ministry.

REV. J. W. BALL, Ph. D. REV. H. GEHRCKE
REV. D. J. SNYDER

Ministerial Education.

REV. J. E. HOICK REV. O. H. GRUVER, D. D.
MR. H. A. GETZ

State of the Church.

REV. W. S. DYSINGER REV. W. J. DENTLER
REV. J. K. REED

Minutes of Synod.

REV. C. F. OEHLER, D. D. REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, D. D.
REV. J. E. STERMER

Lutheran Brotherhood.

MR. N. N. FRITZ MR. N. C. CHRISTIANSEN
MR. J. C. FROHLIGER

Directors of the California Educational Institution.

1918—REV. D. J. SNYDER, REV. J. W. BALL, Ph. D., MR. J. W. FRICKE.

1919—REV. O. H. GRUVER, D. D., REV. C. F. OEHLER, D. D., MR. J. F. REIMER.

1920—REV. H. J. WEAVER, D. D., REV. H. GEHRCKE, MR. J. A. BOHN.

Member of Home Mission and Church Extension Council.

REV. H. C. FUNK.

Delegate to Federation of Lutheran Synods.

REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D. D.

Synodical Sunday School Secretary.

REV. D. J. SNYDER.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Temperance.

REV. H. S. FEIX REV. H. J. MATHIAS

REV. J. C. PEDERSEN

Inner Missions.

REV. H. GEHRCKE REV. W. S. DYSINGER

DR. T. H. DEWITZ

Pastors' Fund.

REV. W. E. CROUSER, D. D. REV. W. H. DERR

MR. JAS. POPERT

German Abstract of Minutes.

REV. A. JATHO REV. H. GEHRCKE

REV. F. F. J. FRITZLER

Plan of Apportionment.

REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D. D. REV. N. N. HARTER

REV. J. J. CHAMBERS

Reference and Counsel.

REV. H. C. FUNK REV. N. N. HARTER

REV. R. W. MOTTERN

Reporters.

Church Work and Observer—REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D. D.
Lutheran Woman's Work—REV. D. J. SNYDER.
Zionsbote—REV. H. GEHRCKE.

PROGRAM OF SYNOD.

Tuesday, 10 a. m.—Holy Communion.

Sermon, REV. H. J. WEAVER, D. D.

(REV. J. R. BRAEUER, Ph. D.)

Tuesday Evening.

"The Mission of the Lutheran Church in the Present World Crisis."

REV. J. E. HOICK (REV. C. F. OEHLER, D. D.)

Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a. m., Devotions.

"Romans, Eight."

REV. H. C. STAFFORD (REV. H. J. MATHIAS)

Wednesday, 2 p. m.—Doctrinal Paper.

Augsburg Confession, Article XVII, "Christ's Return to Judgment."

REV. J. W. BALL, Ph. D. (REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D. D.)

Wednesday Evening.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Program.

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Practical Paper.

"The Church and Present Day Amusements."

REV. W. S. HOSKINSON, Sc. D., D. D. (REV. J. E. STERMER)

Thursday Evening.

Sermon, "Workers Together With God."

REV. W. S. DYSINGER (REV. H. C. FUNK)

Next Convention, Sept. 10-12, 1918.

(Place to be selected.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Synod of California

HELD IN THE FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH,

San Francisco, Cal., October 12, 16-18, 1917.

(Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., Pastor.)

FIRST SESSION.

San Francisco, Cal., Friday, Oct. 12, 1917, 7:30 p. m.

Synod convened with eleven clerical and four lay delegates in attendance. Opening service conducted by the President, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D. On motion it was

Resolved, That all the business and program of this Convention of Synod shall be carried over to Tuesday morning, October 16th, at ten o'clock; and that when we adjourn after this evening's service, it shall be to that hour.

The Vesper service followed, with address on "The Reformation Battle Hymn," by Rev. H. Gehrcke, San Francisco.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION.

San Francisco, Cal., Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1917, 10 a. m.

Synod opened with the new Communion Service. Sermon by President Oehler. Theme, Justification by Faith. Text, Rom. 1:17.

Synodical Communion followed.

Prayer by Rev. Hoick.

SYNODICAL ROLL.

No.	Name of Pastor	Ent'd Ministry	Ent'd Synod	Address of Pastor	Name of Pastorate	Location of Church	Name of Delegate
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, Sc. D., D. D.	1879	1891	Sacramento, 1016 16th St.	First (supply)	16th, between J and K	L. N. Kinser
2	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1892	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	St. Matthew's	16th and Dolores	R. A. Kuner
3	Charles F. Oehler, D. D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	German	17th and L	James Popert
4	L. C. Routzahn	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande			
5	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.	St. Andrew's, S. F.	722 Union	C. Bill
6	William Brandes	1889	1896	Alameda, 2615 Santa Clara Ave.			
7	George H. Hillerman, D. D.	1896	1896	Oakland, 472 Jean St.	First	16th and Grove	J. A. Bohn
8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	Los Angeles, 415 S. Evergreen Ave.	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	Wm. Alloway
9	Herbert J. Weaver, D. D.	1894	1900	Riverside, 258 Main St.	Trinity	9th and Walnut	J. F. Reimer
10	William E. Crouser, D. D.	1898	1902	San Jose, 450 N. Fourth St.	Grace	2nd and Julian	Geo. C. Fuhrman
11	Oscar H. Gruver, D. D.	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave.	Christ, Alameda	Haight near Webster	Louis Cranz
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.	St. Mark's	O'Farrell W. of Franklin	H. Schlesselman, c.
13	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2271 Courtland Ave.			
14	Jens C. Pedersen	1881	1906	San Francisco, 545 Turk St.			
15	William J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno			
16	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Tulare, R. R. "B"			
17	Jesse W. Ball, Ph. D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	St. Mark's	W. 36th Pl. & Vermont	F. C. Noel
18	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 1331 Atlantic Ave.	Trinity	8th and Linden	N. B. Anderson
19	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Glendale, 403½ Brand Blvd.			
20	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale, 1109 W. 5th St.	First	5th and Maryland	Gustave Wellner
21	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	San Francisco, 1653 La Salle Ave.	Miss'y Supt.		
22	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Alpaugh	First	East Center	Ward Tucker
23	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 518 Herkimer St.	Trinity	Los Robles & Walnut	George Huler
24	John R. Braeuer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 2023 Sacramento St.	First	Geary w. of Gough	N. N. Fritz
25	Edmund F. A. Hantel	1875	1912	Seattle, Wash., 7339 21st Av. N. W.			
26	William C. Eckhart	1891	1912	El Centro			

SYNODICAL ROLL.—Continued.

No.	Name of Pastor	Ent'd Ministry	Ent'd Synod	Address of Pastor	Name of Pastorate	Location of Church	Name of Delegate
27	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 847 E. Central Ave.			
28	August Bahr	1899	1913	Fresno, 1408 Ventura Ave.			
29	Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San Jose, 450 N. Fourth St.			
30	John K. Reed	1890	1913	Salinas	Our Savior's	Lincoln near Alisal	Myron Hestorf
31	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 502 D St.	St. Paul's & Sanger	California & Lotus	Jno. H. Krum
32	Gustaf A. Hiden	1893	1913	Rochester, Washington	Evangelical		
33	Howard C. Stafford	1909	1913	San Francisco, 1363 Palou Ave.	Temple	Bay View & Latona	H. E. Pape
34	Emil G. Lund, D. D.	1881	1913	Santa Cruz			
35	Elmer H. Combs	1900	1914	Alpaugh			
36	Ernst Junghans	1897	1915	El Cajon			
37	Joseph E. Stermer	1914	1915	Santa Barb., 311 W. Pedregosa St.	Grace	Anacapa nr. Figueroa	W. N. Grant
38	William S. Dysinger	1894	1916	Los Angeles, 1512 Sixth Ave.	First	8th and Flower	H. A. Getz
39	William J. Dentler	1914	1916	San Bernardino, 637 6th St.	First	G between 6th & 7th	Robt. Cunning
40	F. Felician J. Fritzler	1915	1916	Fresno, 502 D St.	Wartburg	D and Ventura	C. H. Kerber.
41	C. F. William Stoever*	1901	1917	Seattle, Wash., 4014 Linden Ave.	St. Paul's	43rd & Freemont	A. C. Miller
42	Henry J. Mathias†	1898	1917	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	2nd Ave. bet. Wash. & Jeff.	J. F. Westberg
43	Vacant	....	....	San Diego	First	2nd between A & Ash	T. H. Dewitz
44	Vacant	....	....	Redlands	First	Olive & Myrtle	A. P. Crim
45	Vacant	....	....	Fresno	First		T. M. Howard, c.
46	James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D.§	....	....	Pasadena, Cal.			
47	William R. Swickard§	....	....	Los Angeles, Cal.			

For absentees and excuses, see page 37.
*Received from Pacific Synod. †Received from Ga. Synod. §Names restored to roll because of failure to deposit letters issued. c—Commissioner.
Advisory Members: Revs. C. O. Lundquist, H. M. Leech.
Bar of Synod: First seven rows of pews.
Hours of Sessions: 9 a. m.—12:30 p. m.; 2—5 p. m.

Pastor Cressler was born in Franklin County, Pa., May 11, 1845. He was graduated at Selinsgrove in 1865, from Gettysburg College as a Master of Arts in 1869, and the seminary in 1872, which was also the year of his ordination.

During the years of his long and helpful career, he served congregations at Marysville and Millerstown, Pa., Minerva and New Franklin, Ohio; Breakabeen, N. Y., Lisbon, Ia., Tekamah and Rising City, Neb., and Cambria, Kan.

He was united in matrimony, January 5, 1875, with Emma V. Hartman, of Carlisle, Pa., who now survives him, together with their children, Dr. Olin H. Cressler, of North Platte, Neb., Dr. Edward P. Cressler, of Newton, Kan., and Mrs. Otto F. Hansen, of San Francisco, Cal.

Pastor Cressler was a son of light. With the diminution of the sense of physical sight, the light within shone the more brightly, having been kindled and nourished by many years of contact with the light of revelation and an intimate fellowship with the light of the world. He was a translucent medium; the creed of his heart was translated into the practice and conflict of life. His faith is now vision.

J. R. BRAEUER.

Prayer by Rev. Hoskinson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Grace and Peace.

Beloved Brethren:

For the third time in the history of our California Synod we are assembled here as the guests of this congregation in the city by the Golden Gate, to attend the 27th convention of Synod, to meet together in counsel, and to submit to each other the results of our last year's activities in our respective congregations. We should look forward to these gatherings with joyful expectation, for there are friendships to be renewed, and we meet again our brethren in the ministry, many of whom we have not seen during the Synodical year.

We should come together, not in the spirit of boastfulness, but in the spirit of humility, realizing that what has been accomplished was by the grace of God. Here we should confidentially speak to each other of our difficulties and of our discouragements, and devise, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ways and means for the progress of the church of Christ. In kindness we should encourage each other to a stronger faith and to greater efforts in the upbuilding of the kingdom of the Master, endeavoring above all to "keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace."

The past year was not particularly favorable to church work, and may not have brought to all the progress to be desired. But if we have been faithful and done our best, we may hope that our work has been acceptable to the Great Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I herewith submit to Synod a brief report of the year's work, and of such affairs as command the interest of Synod.

Deaths.

Twice during the past Synodical year the angel of death entered the ranks of our Synod.

Rev. Julius Warren Romich, a brother held in highest esteem by the members of Synod, was striken with apoplexy and died May 3. The death of this faithful servant of God came as a great shock to us. Appropriate funeral services were held in the First Lutheran church in San Diego, of which church the deceased was at the time the pastor, on May 8, conducted by Rev. D. J. Snyder, assisted by Revs. W. H. Derr, A. E. Isham, and W. J. Dentler.

The Rev. J. S. Cressler, a Lutheran minister retired from the active ministry after pastorates extending over thirty-four years, departed this life in San Francisco on June 11. He was formerly a member of the Kansas Synod, and his name had but recently been placed on our Synodical roll. His funeral took place from the First church in San Francisco, June 19, the Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., officiating.

"Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Resignations.

Rev. H. C. Stafford resigned his pastorate in Seattle about May 1. Rev. J. E. Stermer, having accepted a call from Santa Barbara, resigned his pastorate in Phoenix, Ariz., March 31. Rev. E. H. Combs, Alpaugh, notified the president, that on account of ill health he would be ready to surrender his pastorate about July 1. Rev. A. E. Isham resigned his pastorate at Redlands on June 1.

Dismissals.

On December 12, 1916, Rev. Wm. R. Swickard was by his request dismissed from the membership of Synod. Rev. John A. St Clair, a licentiate of Synod was granted a dismissal to the Northern Illinois Synod, said dismissal taking effect on September 3. Rev. George P. Goll was dismissed to the East Pennsylvania Synod, into which Synod he was received Sept. 27.

Admissions.

On January 1 the Rev. J. F. Cressler having presented a letter of dismissal from the Kansas Synod, was placed on our Synodical roll. Rev. C. F. W. Stoever, formerly of the Pacific Synod, accepted a call from our St. Paul's church in Seattle on July 1, and was admitted to membership of Synod on September 3. Rev. H. J. Mathias of the Georgia Synod, having accepted a call to Grace church, Phoenix, Ariz., has presented his papers of dismissal and has been admitted to the California Synod.

Dedications.

Temple church, San Francisco, beautifully rebuilt, and renovated inside and outside, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by President of Synod, Sunday, May 6, the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Henry C. Funk, assisting, and Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., delivering the sermon at the evening service. This church rests on a sound financial basis, and with a permanent pastor, the Rev. H. C. Stafford, may now look forward to prosperous development, bidding fair to become one of our Lutheran strongholds of the Bay Cities.

First church at Glendale, Rev. R. W. Mottern, pastor, broke ground for their new building on February 17, and the cornerstone was laid, with fitting ceremonies, on March 11. The beautiful chapel, fully completed, was dedicated to the service of God with proper ceremonies, and a large attendance, on July 22. The Revs. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., W. S. Dysinger, Rev. M. F. Rinker, the organizer of the church, and Superintendent of Missions, Rev. H. C. Funk, assisted the pastor throughout the day. With only a small indebtedness this mission certainly has a bright future. The doors of the chapel are kept open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. for those seeking rest and prayer. It is to be remarked that this congregation also owns, next to the chapel, a pretty and commodious parsonage, which pastor Mottern has occupied since Feb. 15.

Installations.

Rev. F. Fritzler, pastor of the Wartburg church in Fresno, was installed by the President of Synod, November 26, 1916, Rev. C. Legler assisting in the evening. Rev. J. E. Stermer was installed at Santa Barbara on April 22, the Revs. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., and Superintendent of Missions, H. C. Funk, officiating. Rev. John K. Reed took charge of Our Savior's church in Salinas on March 1, and was installed by the Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D. on June 10. Rev. R. W. Mottern was installed at Glendale on July 20, by the Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. Sigurd T. Sorensen of the Nor-

wegian church assisting. Rev. H. C. Stafford, having accepted a call to Temple church, San Francisco, and having assumed charge on June 1, was installed by Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Henry C. Funk, on September 9.

New Mission, and the Superintendent of Missions.

After some preliminary work at Fresno our Superintendent of Missions, Rev. H. C. Funk, on Easter Sunday, April 8, organized the youngest mission of our Synod, the First English Lutheran church of Fresno. The charter was kept open till August 31, when it was closed with fifty members. A permanent pastor has not yet been secured.

Your President cannot help but here comment on the now indispensable services of our Superintendent of Missions. During the Synodical year twelve churches had to be partially supplied with services at one time or another. Nine of these are now permanently supplied with regular pastors. Four churches are still vacant: the First church at Redlands, our new mission at Fresno, and the First English Lutheran at Sacramento, which latter church has been supplied by the Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D.; and the First Church, San Diego, since Rev. Romich's death. St. Luke's church, San Francisco, since the departure of its pastor, has had no services, but still presents a promising field. The duties of the Superintendent of Missions have been many, but they were performed with efficiency and good cheer.

Quadri-Centennial Celebration of the Reformation.

It is to be hoped that our pastors have not lost sight of this most important celebration, and that they will continue to refer to this event during the months of October and November in special services.

Special meetings were held throughout the Synod both north and south, during the visit of the Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio, and these sermons attracted more than common attention. The coming of Prof. Dr. D. H. Bauslin to the coast, during the latter part of this month, is looked to with expectation, when this distinguished scholar will address large audiences on the subject of the Reformation.

The Three Synod Merger, and "The United Lutheran Church of America."

There will be no more important business coming up at this session of Synod than the Synod's vote on the proposed merger of these three Lutheran Synods, viz., the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod South. The new constitution governing the newly united Synods is to be voted on for

acceptance at this session. The General Synod at Chicago unanimously and by a rising vote approved this constitution, and requests the California Synod and all other District Synods to do the same. The far-reaching advantages of such an alliance are so obvious that nothing else is to be expected than the ratification of the action of General Synod.

Improvements, Debts Reduced, etc.

First English Lutheran church in San Francisco by the munificent gift of Mr. Henry Miller, deceased, amounting to $5,000, was enabled to pay off its entire debt. Trinity church, Long Beach, reports the cancellation of its Church Extension mortgage of $1,625, the congregation raising $1,000, and the Board donating the balance. Likewise Trinity church, Pasadena, paid off its debt to the Church Extension Board of $1,250, the Board donating $250 and the church raising $1,000. Grace church, Santa Barbara, made improvements valued at $400. St. Paul's church, Los Angeles, paid $1,000 on its church debt. First Lutheran, Oakland, reports $550 paid on its interest bearing debt, and the improvement of its financial condition. St. Matthaeus church, San Francisco, paid $250 on its church debt. Christ Church, Alameda, made improvements valued at $325. German Lutheran, Sacramento, reduced its debt by $1,600. Temple church, San Francisco, has paid off all of its remaining indebtedness.

Synodical Sunday-school Superintendent.

In accordance with resolution by last Synod the president appointed Rev. D. J. Snyder Synodical Sunday-school Superintendent with request to comply with the duties as implied by said resolution.

"Lutheran Church Work and Observer."

It is most desirable for the furtherance of our Lutheran Church interests, viz., our various missionary and educational enterprises, that our official church organ, the "Lutheran Church Work and Observer," be read in every Lutheran household of our California Synod. In our estimation it would be most helpful if an official agent could be appointed who would canvass the churches of Synod for subscribers to both our church papers, the "Lutheran Church Work and Observer" and the "Lutheran Zionsbote."

Lutheran Chaplains for Army and Navy.

In this critical time when our government is engaged in war with a foreign power it behooves us, in accordance with the tradition of the Lutheran Church in America, to be loyal to our government and to the flag under whose protection we live. Your president would therefore bring to your attention the request

by the Joint Lutheran Committee on Army and Navy Chaplaincies, to solicit from our ranks such pastors as would be eligible for the above named office. The age limit is 40 years in the army, and 31 1-2 years in the navy. Candidates must have had at least three years' experience in the ministry and must possess the ability to deal with young men. Salary, $2,000 and certain allowances.

Foreign Mission Campaign.

Attention of Synod is herewith drawn to the campaign of our Board of Foreign Missions for the raising of special funds in celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation. Synod is asked to endorse the movement to its fullest ability, and to pass resolutions to that effect.

Time of Meeting of the California Synod.

The General Synod has outlined a schedule fixing the most appropriate time for the meeting of the District Synods. The time suggested for the California Synod is some time between September 10 and 20, and it is recommended to Synod to fix date of sessions in accordance with the General Synod's suggestion.

Delegate to Pacific Synod, and the Pacific Seminary.

The sending of a delegate to the meeting of the Pacific Synod not being possible, your president sent a letter of cordial greeting to that fraternal body, touching among other matters upon the question of a Joint Lutheran seminary, under the jurisdiction of both the Pacific and the California Synods. The Pacific Synod appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the California Synod upon the matter, and it is recommended, that during the coming Synodical year a meeting be arranged, in order to outline plans looking to the realization of our long cherished hopes.

Conclusion.

And now, brethren, whilst we must gratefully acknowledge that something has been accomplished, we must not lose sight of the tasks which have been left undone. We still have at our hands a field white to the harvest. We must labor together, in peace and in harmony, and in the name of our Lord, occupying one by one the fields which present a hopeful outlook, so that our Lutheran Church may become a still greater force for the betterment of the spiritual, social and political conditions of our great and beautiful state.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labors are not in vain in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. OEHLER, President.

COMMITTEES.

Necrological—Revs. Snyder, Braeuer, and Feix.

President's Report—Revs. Ball, Harter and Dentler.

Young People's Societies—Revs. Mottern, Pedersen, and Mr. Kuner.

Conferences—Revs. Derr, Jatho, and Mr. Cranz.

Letters and Papers—Revs. Crouser, Stermer and Brandes.

Auditing—N. N. and A. C. Fritz, Rev. Isham, W. E. Weaver, J. H. Baxter.

Excuses and Absentees—Revs. Stafford, Fritzler and Mathias.

Claims—Revs. Hoskinson, Stermer and Legler.

Resolutions—Revs. Gruver, Reed, and Mr. Getz.

New Congregations—Revs. Dysinger, Isham, and Mr. Bohn.

Publishing Rev. Jatho's paper—Revs. Hoskinson, Snyder, Gehrcke.

REPORTERS.

City papers—Rev. H. C. Stafford.

Church Work and Observer—Rev. H. J. Weaver.

Zionsbote—Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Prayer by Rev. Snyder.

Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION.

San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1917, 2 p. m.

Prayer by Mr. H. A. Getz.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer of California Synod presents this detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year beginning September 21, 1916, and ending September 22, 1917:

Receipts.

To balance from last year's Account:		
General Synod	$ 46.00	
Synodical Treasury	158.38	
Ministerial Education	33.44	$ 237.82
To Remittance from Churches:		
General Synod	$ 160.00	
Synodical Treasury	474.50	
Home Missions	777.00	
Foreign Missions	572.45	
Church Extension	519.45	
Board of Education	340.65	
Ministerial Education	275.40	
Pastors' Fund	180.00	

Deaconess Board	155.00	
Home for the Aged	81.00	
Tabitha Home	123.80	
Calif. Home Missions	1,034.99	
German India Relief	68.76	
Proteges in India	110.00	
Nachusa Orphanage	12.00	
Calif. Educational Institution	25.00	4,910.00
To Overdraft for Ministerial Education to balance		41.16
TOTAL		$5,188.98

Disbursements.

By Remittance to Treasurers of Boards:			
General Synod		$ 179.00	
Synodical Treasury		343.37	
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension:			
Home Missions	$777.00		
Church Extension	519.45	1,296.45	
Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	$572.45		
Ger. India Relief	68.76		
Proteges in India	110.00	751.21	
Board of Education		335.65	
Ministerial Education:			
Fred. C. Maurer	$150.00		
Fred. Weisenborn	200.00	350.00	
Pastors' Fund		178.00	
Deaconess Board		153.00	
Home for the Aged		79.00	
Tabitha Home		121.80	
Calif. Home Missions:			
Order of H. M. Com.	$175.00		
Treas. of H. M. Com.	859.99	1,034.99	
Nachusa Orphanage		12.00	$4,834.47
By Cash on hand to balance:			
General Synod		$ 27.00	
Synodical Treasury		289.51	
Board of Education		5.00	
Pastors' Fund		2.00	
Deaconess Board		2.00	
Home for the Aged		2.00	
Tabitha Home		2.00	
Calif. Educational Institution		25.00	354.51
TOTAL			$5,188.98

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Treasurer.

Your Committee appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer of Synod would report; That the records have been well and faithfully kept and all moneys accounted for.

We would recommend that the Treasurer be relieved from his bond as refers to the year just closed.

N. N. FRITZ,
A. C. FRITZ.

For itemized report see Appendix B.

Resolved, That the roll be called and churches in deficit explain why the appointment was not paid; and those that have raised it explain how it was done.

Roll called and explanations made.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT.

Your Archivist attests the preservation of all papers and documents during the year and invites the members of Synod at this occasion to examine the files.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BRAEUER.

Rev. Emil Meyer extended, by letter, greetings from Pacific Synod.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF CHURCH.

The Church:

I. **Statistical.** Only 17 churches have given complete statistical reports. It is therefore impossible to give any comprehensive statistics. This item is adequately covered by the statistical Secretary of Synod.

II. **Devotional.** In the matter of attendance four report standstill; nine report an increase; three a decrease; twelve no report on this item of attendance. Various methods have been tried to increase attendance, with varying success, each field seeming to have its own problems and conditions. The devotional spirit of the pastors is marked and the people seem to respond best to pastoral visitations as a means to increase interest and attendance. In every instance the women remain the leaders and mainstay in the devotional life of the church.

III. **Educational.** The church papers are being more largely recognized as an educating force and are being definitely kept before the members of the churches. Our own literature is being used almost exclusively in the churches and Sunday Schools. The catechism is being faithfully used for indoctrination of the young and reports of success and growth come from those congregations which are using conservative and scriptural methods in the application of the Gospel to the children of the church and to the unsaved of the world.

More and more we feel the need of a strong educational institution and far seeing program for the training of our youth.

The family devotion, the pastoral teaching, and the church services remain as ever, the great bulwark of the church and the means for training our people to service for Christ.

Four churches report candidates for the gospel ministry; others state the war has taken the prospectives. The prayer of the church should be that these latter be kept true in the midst of war to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

IV. **Evangelistic.** The Church is keeping true to her name Evangelical by preaching the gospel, exalting Christ before the world. The means used with greatest success are pastoral visitation, catechisation and preaching of the Word, and administration of the Sacraments. Uses of Special Lenten devotions and emphasis placed upon the seasons of the year have been used to good advantage in deepening the spiritual life and in turning people to Christ and to a better service.

V. **Philanthropic.** The Churches have been alive to the cry of need. War sufferers and Red Cross, Missions and Benevolence in general have been recipients of much that came of actual sacrifice, and yet we are not giving as a Church as God has blessed us. The crisis in God's Kingdom cannot be met on the present basis of our gifts.

Conclusion. We can only reiterate the time old truth that Christ's Kingdom waits only on the awakened loyalty and devotion of the whole church. The need is the old need of vision, loyalty and sacrifice, on the part of the pastor, every member and every congregation, trusting the Great Head of the church to lead and bless every effort put forth.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. ISHAM.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN SYNODS.

Owing to the steps taken to inaugurate the United Lutheran Church in America, the matter of the Federation of Synods has been somewhat sidetracked. Still there seems to be a call for a General Conference, and there will likely be developed a field for a federation, where such Synods as the Joint Ohio, the German Iowa, and others, not yet ready for union, will enter into federation. Such a General Conference will possibly be called this fall.

We recommend that Synod elect or appoint a delegate to this Federation of Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Delegate.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF LUTHERAN CHURCH WORK AND OBSERVER.

Your representative has tried to keep the work of the churches of California Synod before the church through the columns of our paper. It has been done with difficulty, owing to the failure of the pastors to send items. We would suggest the appointment of a congregational reporter, who shall send items and church bulletins to your correspondent.

We have also tried to awaken interest in securing subscriptions, by offering special terms to societies and individuals. Very few have responded. This year's report shows 266 subscribers; last year there were 278, a loss of 12. The week from October 28 to November 4 would be a good Publicity Week, when an extra effort should be made to get a copy of the church paper in every home. Your representative will give any help possible to any one desiring. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Montara, Cal., Thursday, Aug. 16, 1917.

The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in Montara, pursuant to the call of the President of Synod, to consider the matter of the entertainment of the 27th Convention of the Synod. The following members were present: Revs. Oehler, Gruver, Funk, Braeuer, and Hillerman, and Mr. N. N. Fritz.

On motion of the Secretary, seconded by Dr. Gruver, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The invitation to hold the 27th Convention of California Synod in the First church, San Francisco, carries no offer of meals or lodging; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, (1) That Synod meet in the First Lutheran church, San Francisco, Friday evening, October 12, 1917, for the purpose of entertaining a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, October 16, 1917, at 10 a. m., in the same place, when the business of Synod shall be regularly taken up. And be it

RESOLVED, (2) That members of Synod living at a distance shall be excused from attendance on this Friday session, as its sole purpose is to adjourn, and a quorum can be made up around San Francisco Bay.

The rearrangement of the printed program, in consequence of this action, was left in the hands of the program committee. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. OEHLER, President.
G. H. HILLERMAN, Secretary.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOODS.

Your Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods would report that there are but three of our congregations having organized local brotherhoods, and that there are at Los Angeles and San Francisco, community organizations, membership of which is from various churches.

Respectfully submitted,
N. N. FRITZ, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Our two beneficiaries have pursued their studies in Midland College with commendable progress during the past year and have entered upon the privileges of a new scholastic year, Brother Weisenborn as a freshman and Brother Maurer expecting to enter the Seminary next year.

The First and St. Paul's churches of Los Angeles have contributed fifty-four and twenty-five dollars respectively in excess of full apportionment.

We began the year with a balance of $33.44. We closed the year with a deficit of $41.16. This indicates that some of our pastors and churches have not done their duty to this worthy cause.

We recommend:

1. That Bros. Maurer and Weisenborn be each granted $150 for this year.

2. That we now raise the deficit and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to raise our full apportionment next year.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT J. WEAVER, Chairman.

Fifty-one dollars raised for ministerial education on floor of Synod.

Prayer by Rev. Derr.

Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION.

San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1917, 8 p. m.

Vesper service in charge of Rev. Gruver.

Address by Rev. Crouser on "The Forces Liberated by the Protestant Reformation."

FIFTH SESSION.

San Francisco, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1917, 9 a. m.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Dentler. Topic, "Luther, the Husband."

Prayer by Rev. Stafford.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegates arrived at Chicago, the convention city, on or before June 20, 1917. The Synod was convened in Unity Lutheran church, Rev. David A. Davy, pastor, June 20-27, 1917. The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D. D.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D. D., Ph. D., was elected President; Rev. F. P. Manhart, D. D., Secretary; and George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer.

The beautiful new Unity church was dedicated by the President of the General Synod on Sunday, June 24.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., General Secretary and Treasurer, reported the total receipts for foreign missions during the biennium as $283,075, a gain of $48,570. The baptized membership of the native church of India is 54,995, an increase of 6,391. Our mission staff in the foreign field consists of forty-seven for India, eighteen in Africa, and two in South America.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

The first report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is one of which the Church may well be proud, and shows the wisdom of combining these two Boards. The magnificent sum of $478,676 was received during the biennium, an increase of $50,000 over any previous report. The efficient work of our Board has been greatly aided by the splendid organization found in the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and by the hearty co-operation of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Other Important Reports Considered.

The first report of the Inner Mission Board was very encouraging. Other reports of special interest came from the Lutheran Brotherhood; the Deaconess Board, which reports a Lutheran center for Red Cross work; Ministerial Education, with an increase of sixty men for the ministry; the Board of Education, recommending the continuance of an effort to establish a Women's College; Home for the Aged; Orphans' Homes; the Lutheran Publication

Society, and the transfer of the Lutheran Church Work and Observer to the Publication Society; the Common Service Committee, announcing the publication of an Army and Navy edition.

The Merger.

In all of the above reports we beheld what God hath wrought; and yet the question of the Merger overshadowed even these wonderful works.

All through the early session, and during the recess hours, men hoped and prayed that a United Lutheran Church might be formed. One of your delegates, being a member of the Committee, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for the things our eyes have been permitted to see in the bringing together of almost 1,000,000 members of our faith in what is to be known as the United Lutheran Church in America; and that we, the delegates of the General Synod in convention assembled, do hereby pledge ourselves to loyalty in the continuance of this effort until the merger proposed shall be completed, looking forward to that day when the Church with the great Confession shall be one, the Lutheran Church of the World; and, be it further

"Resolved, That the General Synod hereby endorses the proposed union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South. We earnestly urge that our district synods take like favorable and unanimous action."

Recommendations of the Delegates.

1. Your delegates recommend that the Synod of California approve the action of the General Synod in merging the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, and hereby adopts the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(Adopted by unanimous standing vote. Prayer by Rev. Hoick.)

2. We recommend that the aportionment of the General Synod be adopted.

(Adopted.)

3. We recommend that the schedule assigned for the meeting of the Synod of California be approved, and that this Synod shall meet annually on the first Tuesday occurring on or after the 10th day of September.

(Adopted.)

We beg leave to report further, that a committee was appointed to standardize the Church Records of the General Synod.

The establishment of a tubercular sanitorium at Belen, New Mexico, was endorsed by the General Synod.

General Synod Growth.

The statistics for the past biennium show the following growth: a net gain of 35 churches, 48 pastors, 36 brotherhoods, 35 young people's societies, 59 woman's missionary societies, 12,214 communicant members, 26,734 confirmed members, and a gain of $107,228 in benevolence. Our total communicant membership is 260,720; confirmed membership, 366,728; baptized membership, 477,438. The total benevolence for two years is $1,316,147. The total contributions for all objects amounts to $7,642,401.

Quadricentennial Celebration.

The General Synod passed the following resolution touching the 400th anniversary of the Reformation:

"Resolved, That we recommend to all district synods, conferences and congregations this jubilee year as a golden opportunity of informing through special conventions and programs, our own people and all others who can be reached, concerning the precious heritage of our great church, and call them to a higher appreciation and more loyal practice of those principles which brought the Reformation to pass."

Lutheran Loyalty.

The World's War finds the Lutheran Church loyal to our government. Her young men have responded to the call to arms with a patriotic spirit, and her young women have gone into the work of the Red Cross with equal enthusiasm. The Lutheran Church is no more a foreign church than other denominations, albeit she embraces in her fold many from other lands. As Muhlenberg threw off his robe and stood before his congregation in the full uniform of a continental soldier, so our people are responding to the call of the President of the United States for whatever service they may be needed, and the Church will be true to any task assigned her. The following resolution was adopted by the Chicago convention:

"Resolved, That the General Synod hereby pledges its unswerving loyalty to our government and country in the great war in which we are now engaged for the purpose of defending our national honor and re-establishing international law and order in the world."

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. FUNK, Chairman.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

Article V, Sec. 4 (6), He shall close his books the fifteenth day of the month preceding the conventions of Synod, and all moneys received thereafter shall be credited on the new Synodical year.

Article VIII, Sec. 1, This Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

By-Law 9, change "the fifteenth day of September" to "the twentieth day of August."

By-Law 10, Change "September" to "August."

By-Law 11, To read "The annual meeting of Synod shall convene on the Tuesday occurring on or next after the tenth day of September."

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

Your Home Mission Committee has been confronted with many difficult problems. There have been ten vacancies to provide with pastors and services during the year. Seven of these now have regular pastors; one mission has been abandoned for the present; one has a regular supply pastor; this leaves only one established mission to be supplied with a pastor.

We are looking to the East to supply our vacancies on the Coast, but the East has more than 100 vacancies of her own. It is evident, with an additional number of pastors entering as chaplains for the army, that some of our weaker churches will have to be combined and served by one pastor, or left to perish for want of a shepherd. The problem of organizing new missions when there are not enough men to fill our vacancies becomes a very serious one.

Another difficult question to decide is, whether to call a larger number of pastors at a salary our limited finances will allow, or curtail the number of missions and take better care of them. With the present high cost of living, and prices still soaring, it is impossible for some of our pastors to make ends meet. At least three of our missionaries have left their churches to engage in secular work during the year.

Our missionaries have been doing most commendable work. The First church, at Glendale and Temple church, of San Francisco, have both been actively engaged in procuring desirable new church homes. A very promising mission has been organized at Fresno with fifty members. The First English Lutheran church, of Fresno, will ask for admission into our Synod at this convention.

Three hundred and sixty-five adult members were received into our missions. Two hundred children were given to God in holy baptism, and 182 young people received instruction in the

catechism. The Temple Church, San Francisco, has 28 members enrolled in the classes recently organized.

Our Missions have contributed $4,842 for benevolence, and the offerings for all objects amount to $43,864.

Appropriations for Year Ending March 31, 1918.

Alameda, $300; Alpaugh, $375; Fresno, Wartburg, $200; St. Paul's, $350; Glendale, $775; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $500; St. Paul's, $1,100; Long Beach, $250; Oakland, $850; Pasadena, $425; Phoenix, $600; Redlands, $500; Riverside, $325; Salinas, $475; San Bernardino, $725; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, $215; Temple, $900; San Jose, $450; Santa Barbara, $600; Seattle, $900; Supt. Missions, $750.

Reductions in Aid Received.

The following reductions have been made in the appropriations to our missions: Alameda, $30; Wartburg, Fresno, $25; Sanger, supplied by Rev. Legler, $340; Glendale, $25; St. Mark's, Los Angeles, $25; St. Paul's, Los Angeles, $37.50; St. Paul's, Fresno, $25; Alpaugh, $25; Long Beach, $50; Oakland, $25; Pasadena, $25; St. Luke's, $855; Riverside, $25; San Bernardino, $25; St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $25; San Jose, $25; Santa Barbara, $25; or a total of $1,637.50. Further reductions were made in the allowance of the California Synod as follows: Riverside, $10, and Alameda, $30.

Increase in Appropriations.

An addition of $90 was granted the congregation at Salinas; and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society increased the appropriation for San Bernardino $200. Other increases are recommended by the Committee.

To establish a rule and apply it uniformly is very important; but to discriminate in favor of a few causes much dissatisfaction and some apprehension. We regret to say that some churches look upon the appropriation as easy money; they get all they can, and then try to keep it as long as they possibly can. It would add to the efficiency of our work if our missions could be given a more liberal support at the start, based on a ten year reduction policy.

Pastoral Calls.

We want to urge upon our people a larger appreciation of the pastor's call. Make him your counselor, and advise with him about the perplexing problems that come into your life. The pastor will respond most cheerfully when he knows that you desire and appreciate his call; moreover, the pastor will accomplish

more by getting into the homes and hearts of the people. We also wish to attest that our missionaries are faithful and efficient in this very important part of their work.

Expenditures.

The Committee has held ten regular meetings during the year. Traveling expense of the Committee, $23; expense of Home Mission Treasurer, $4.50; traveling expense Superintendent of Missions, $90. The Treasurer of Synod was also requested to make a loan in favor of St. Paul's church, Los Angeles, of $150, on a pledge of $300 toward their church lot, which has been paid out of the California Home Mission Treasury.

Twenty-two missions have been under the direction of your Committee, twenty-one being beneficiaries of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The total appropriations from the Board amount to $12,000.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

H. C. FUNK,

Secretary and Superintendent Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE, FOR THE YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1, 1916, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

(Read at Seventh Session of Synod, *q. v. Sec.*)

Money Received from Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, D. D., Treasurer of the California Synod.

Balance on hand October 1, 1916	$ 161.69

Receipts.

November 8, 1916	7.50
December 1, 1916	61.50
December 18, 1916	61.75
January 10, 1917	50.00
February 8, 1917	15.00
March 5, 1917	30.00
March 13, 1917	61.00
April 2, 1917	15.00
April 23, 1917	293.00
May 9, 1917	72.75
June 4, 1917	26.00
July 5, 1917	40.00
August 2, 1917	18.00
September 4, 1917	39.00
September 27, 1917	69.49
Total	$1,021.68

Disbursements.

October 19, 1916, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary, July to October	$ 20.00
October 21, 1916, Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D., Salary, July to October	32.50
October 21, 1916, Rev. H. C. Funk, Trav. exp., and Salary, September	67.25
December 1, 1916, Rev. H. C. Funk, Trav. exp., and Salary, October	85.50
December 5, 1916, Rev. H. C. Funk, Trav. exp. to H. M. Co., M.	7.00
December 5, 1916, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., Trav. exp. to H. M. Co. M.	5.50
December 5, 1916, J. F. Reimer, for postage	4.50
December 18, 1916, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary for November	62.50
March 6, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary for December	62.50
March 19, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary for January, '17	62.50
April 24, 1917, Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D., Salary, Oct. 16 to April 17	65.00
April 24, 1917, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary, Oct. 16 to April 17	40.00
April 30, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary, Feb., March, and April, 1917	187.50
May 29, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary, May	62.50
June 28, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary, June	62.50
July 30, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Trav. exp., January to July, 1917	30.00
Aug. 2, 1917, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., Trav. exp., January to July, 1917	7.50
Aug. 4, 1917, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D., Salary, April to July, 1917	20.00
Sept. 4, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary, July	62.50
Sept. 27, 1917, Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary, August	62.50
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1917	11.93
Total	$1,021.68

Money Received from Rev. H. H. Weber, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension.

Receipts.

October 30, 1916	$ 921.86
November 28, 1916	850.61
December 29, 1916	906.86
January 30, 1917	869.36
February 27, 1917	869.36
March 29, 1917	850.61
April 30, 1917	828.34
May 29, 1917	817.93

June 28, 1917	722.09
July 5, 1917	37.50
July 30, 1917	872.09
Aug. 30, 1917	797.09
Sept. 27, 1917	1,022.09
Total	$10,365.79

Disbursements.

October 30, 1916, by checks	$ 921.86
November 28, 1916, by checks	850.61
December 29, 1916, by checks	906.86
January 30, 1917, by checks	869.36
February 27, 1917, by checks	869.36
March 29, 1917, by checks	850.61
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Aug. 30, 1917, by checks	797.09
Sept. 27, 1917, by checks	1,022.09
Total	$10,365.79

J. F. REIMER,
Treas. Home Mission Committee.

The Auditing Committee appointed to audit the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee reports that we have checked up the accounts and vouchers, and find the same to be correct in every particular.

A. E. ISHAM,
W. E. WEAVER,
J. H. BAXTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Your Committee on Claims would report that claims made for traveling expenses, as per itemized statement turned over to the Treasurer, amount to $165.37, for which an order on the Treasurer is asked.

Other claims favorably reported are: President Oehler, for postage, traveling expenses, etc., $8; Rev. Mottern, postage, 75 cents.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HOSKINSON, Chairman.

Prayer by Rev. Leech.
Adjournment.

SIXTH SESSION.

San Francisco, Oct. 17, 1917, 2 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. Crouser.
Roll call. Minutes approved.
Paper by Rev. Jatho on "Luther and Melanchthon."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Your Committee would report that during 1916 there was a loss of two Societies and 93 members. During the last year a further loss of one Society and 138 members, a total loss of three Societies and 231 members (in two consecutive years). Why this slump in our Young People's work your committee is unable to determine, unless much of the same unsettled character as charged against our church membership.

Notwithstanding, we take courage, that the splendid army of 600 loyal, faithful, pious, earnest and intelligent young people of our Synod have been devoting themselves to their moral and spiritual development to the praise of the church and glory of God.

We greatly appreciate the splendid articles published weekly in our church paper on the topics for discussion, in the devotional meetings.

This, the Quadricentennial Year has been a great privilege for them to become more thoroughly acquainted with our Lutheran history and doctrines intended to make them more efficient in the service of God by the use of these articles and the vast amount of literature on the subject at their disposal.

R. W. MOTTERN, Chairman.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

During the year your Synodical Sunday School Secretary did not see his way clear to arrange for Lutheran Sunday School Institutes as suggested by the committee but he has been in communication with our Lutheran Sunday School headquarters and has been preparing for the work.

The Sunday School report for the year just closed shows, 28 Sunday schools; 341 officers and teachers; 2,612 scholars; 23 Teacher Training students; 180 members of Home Department; 251 members of Cradle Roll; $3,092, contributions for support of schools; $1,288, contributions for benevolence. Only two schools report Teacher Training Classes; eleven, Home Department and Cradle Roll.

Here is abundant opportunity for improvement. Your secretary desires to call attention to the ten points in the Lutheran Sunday School Standard.

1. Open all the year.
2. Cradle Roll and Home Department.
3. Teacher's meeting and business meeting.
4. At least one organized class (with officers and committees).

5. Missionary and Temperance instruction (offerings for Boards of Church).

6. An Enrolled Teacher Training Class (Taking written examinations).

7. Bibles used in all departments above Primary.

8. Graded organization and instruction.

9. Christian nurture and Confession of Christ (Catechetical).

10. Lutheran Sunday School Literature used in all departments.

Recommendations.

1. That an effort be made by every Sunday school in the Synod to attain the Lutheran Sunday School Standard.

2. That special effort be made by every Sunday school to enroll a teacher training class, using our Lutheran Training Course.

3. That because of the apparent need all schools lay more stress on the Home Department and Cradle Roll.

4. That pastors and Sunday school workers make special effort to enlist more of the adults in Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. SNYDER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

As Christians, citizens of the "kingdom of heaven" and the visible state, it behooves us to practice temperance in all acts and relations of life, more particularly in meats and drinks.

Being now "sons of God" and free, through Christ, from the yoke of the law, we live in the Spirit, receiving every good gift of our Father with thanksgiving unto sanctification through the Word and prayer. 1 Tim. 4:5. *Abusus non tollit usum.*

Zealous of maintaining the liberty whereunto Christ set us free (Gal. 5:1), we will guard against being entangled again in bondage to new moons, Sabbath days, meats and drinks. Col. 2:16. The proof of faith being in the reflection of love in all our life, it is imperative that our conduct be salutary and without offense to the weak. 1 Cor. 8:8-15, Rom. 14:20-21.

The sphere of the state, however, embraces the method of law as well as the punitive power of the sword. All who live after the flesh are amenable to the law, in order that through repression of sin and license the commonwealth may enjoy the blessings of security and decency.

The saints, indeed, shall judge the world. 1 Cor. 6:2. It devolves upon the believers in their prerogative as citizens in the state to initiate, establish and execute humane and equitable laws for the furtherance of temperate living on part of the ungodly and for the correction of evil-doers.

Be it resolved, therefore, that, while acclaiming our liberty in Christ, we urge all churchmen as citizens of the republic to counsel and support all legal measures aiming to safeguard liberty by restraining the wicked from such abuses of meats and drinks wherein is intemperance, gluttony, strife, poverty, crime, and degeneracy: manifest marks of the wrath of God upon the children of unbelief.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BRAEUER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMATION QUADRICENTENNIAL.

The Quadricentennial Year is passing. Appropriate celebrations have been held, or will be held, in all our churches and communities. In some a series of celebrations have been conducted.

In addition an appropriate program has been arranged for this meeting of Synod.

The benefits of this Four Hundredth Year are beyond estimate, in making our Church better known both to her own people and to the country at large, and in drawing together previously divided forces. We rejoice in all that has been achieved, and in the prospect of yet greater things.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed on Inner Missions would report the following:

During the year a questionnaire on Inner Mission work was sent to each pastor of Synod. About sixty per cent of these were returned with answers. From these we glean that the inner mission activity in California Synod has been carried on mostly along the lines of our regular benevolent work. No organized agency among us is at work in Hospitals or Orphans' Homes or Homes for the Aged. Our church has none of these institutions in its territory. The Immigration Home and Seamen's Mission has been set back indefinitely because of the war. No action has been taken in the matter of the Old Folks' Home in Southern California as reported in the Minutes of Synod last year (p. 14 and 15). It would seem desirable to have at least one institution of mercy and grace within our borders, if possible. What that shall be must remain for the future to determine. It would seem desirable also to have an Inner Mission Society in each of the two larger cities of our State, and it might be possible to connect such work with the recently organized Luther Society in San Francisco.

An opportunity for doing inner mission work is presented to our churches at this time in the request of the Inner Mission Boards of the three General Bodies working together to co-operate in the war relief work which they have undertaken. Each pastor should send to the general headquarters of Inner Missions in Philadelphia the names of all young men going into the army training camps from his congregation, and should follow this up with a contribution from his congregation to help in the work. There is much need of united and continuous effort along this line at this time.

Your Committee would suggest that the subject of Inner Missions within our Synod be a subject for serious consideration at the next meetings of the two Conferences and be given a place on the program.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER,
D. J. SNYDER,
W. S. HOSKINSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee on the reception of new congregations into the Synod would report that the formal application of the First English Evangelical Lutheran church, of Fresno, Cal., for admission to Synod has been received. We have examined its constitution and find it in accord with the constitution of the California Synod and of the Constitution and Formula of Government of the General Synod except in the case of the nominations of church officers.

We recommend that this congregation be admitted to the Synod and that they be requested to change this section of their constitution to conform to the Formula of Government in Chapter 7, Sec. 5.

W. S. DYSINGER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD WITH ANSWERS.

1. Your Committee calls attention to an error in the Parochial Report for 1916. Instead of a loss in the Communicant membership there is a gain of 91. Approved.

2. On page 15 there is a resolution with reference to the disposition of money raised by the Mary and Martha Circle of Redlands. Has this been attended to? No.

3. Under the Home Mission Report, page 23, a resolution was adopted, asking the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that a specific sum of money be placed in the hands

of the Synodical Treasurer, the same to be under the control of the local Home Mission Committee. Has this been done? Not granted.

4. On page 36 is a resolution memorializing the General Synod to aid in the establishing of the proposed Seminary during the year 1917. Has this been done? No.

5. On page 24 is a resolution urging the Home Mission and Church Extension Board, and the Woman's Executive Committee to inaugurate at least three new missions on this territory during the next year. What has been done in this matter? In part complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DERR, Chairman.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

Your Statistical Secretary received reports from twenty-eight congregations of the Synod. He received also a report from Rev. Hiden, a member of this Synod, having organized and now serving an independent Lutheran congregation at Rochester, Wash.

These twenty-nine reports have been corrected where necessary and tabluated.

It will be noticed that the percentage of gains and losses is slight in most instances, except that of "Contributions for Home Missions" where there is the largest loss of eighteen per cent and in communicant membership of over fourteen per cent.

It is to be seriously regretted the Synod this last year, has losses of over 500 communicant members, though there is a gain of 209 confirmed members and 103 baptized members. There is also a gain of twenty-nine infant baptisms, seven adult baptisms, forty-three by confirmation, sixtyfive by certificate and 141 by restoration.

There is a slight gain in Sunday-school scholars, but a considerable loss in membership in the Young People's Society, while this is offset in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society by a fairly good gain in membership.

In the "Valuation of Church Property" there is a gain of one per cent; in External Benevolence, a gain of nearly fifty per cent; in Total Benevolence, a loss of less than one per cent; while in the "Grand Total" there is a gain of nearly nine per cent.

In our Apportionment the General Synod recommends an increase of 3 cents for "General Synod," 2 cents for "Home Missions," 2 cents for "Board of Education," and 2 cents for "Pastor's Fund," making a total of 9 cents increase over last year. In accordance therewith we recommend that the per capita apportionment for 1917-1918 of $2.49, be distributed as follows:

General Synod	$0.10
Synodical Treasury	.20
Home Missions	.42
Foreign Missions	.32
Church Extension	.26
Board of Education	.22
Ministerial Education	.15
Pastors' Fund	.12
Deaconess Board	.10
Home for Aged	.05
Tabitha Home	.05
California Home Missions	.50

This apportionment table for the Congregations has been completed and is herewith submitted. (See Appendices A and C.)

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MOTTERN, Statistical Secretary.

President Oehler being called away from the convention by telegram, Rev. H. J. Weaver was made President *pro tem*, for remainder of convention.

Prayer by Rev. Pedersen.

Adjournment.

SEVENTH SESSION.

San Francisco, Oct. 18, 1917, 9 a. m.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Dentler. Topic, "Luther, the Preacher."

Prayer by Rev. Derr.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Election. Tellers, H. A. Getz, Revs. Stermer, Fritzler and Dentler. (Result of election on page 3.)

Report of Home Mission Treasurer and Auditors. (See pages 27, 28, 29.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee finds evidence of most faithful and efficient oversight of the affairs of the Synod during the past year.

No formal recommendations are attached to the report, but scattered through it we find several important suggestions.

We recommend:

1. That, if found practicable, a solicitor be put into the field to canvass our congregations for subscriptions to our church papers. (Referred to the business manager of "Church Work.")

2. That the request of the Pacific Synod for the appointment of a committee to confer with a similar committee from their Synod, in regard to co-operation in maintaining a theological seminary on the Coast, be referred to the Board of Directors of our Educational Institution, with instructions to take up this matter with the Pacific Synod's Committee without unnecessary delay. (So ordered.)

3. That suitable action be taken by the Synod regarding the Foreign Mission Board's Diamond Jubilee. (Referred to Committee on Resolutions.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL, Chairman.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Whereas, The doctrinal bases of the two general bodies of which the California and Pacific Synods are members are now in perfect agreement on articles of faith, and

Whereas, The Pacific Synod has at its last convention, held in Portland, approved the holding of a conference with representatives of our Synod on the subject of a Joint Theological Seminary;

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, That the California Synod hereby authorizes the Board of Directors of our proposed Educational Institution, or a committee appointed by them, to enter into such a conference with the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary, or with a committee appointed by them, on the matter of joint co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DIRECTORS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.

Your Committee finds that the Southern Conference held its annual meeting at St. Mark's church, Los Angeles, May 22-23, with a large attendance and a program of high merit rendered on subjects bearing on the great Reformation.

The Conference was favored in having present Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, who delivered an address and took part in the discussions.

Another interesting feature of the session was the appearance on the program of three pastors of the Scandinavian churches of the city, Rev. Sorenson, Norwegian; Rev. Johnson, Swedish; Rev. Hansen, Danish.

The Northern Conference failed to hold a meeting at the usual time, owing to the absence of its officers from the territory, but a brief session was held Oct. 12, in First church, San Francisco. We have not discovered any matters that need to be brought to the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DERR, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.

Your Committee reports:

Excuses were received from the following brethren: A. F. Bahr, N. N. Harter, M. F. Rinker, E. H. Combs, E. F. A. Hantel, W. C. Eckhart, E. G. Junghaus, E. G. Lund, C. F. Stoever, J. J. Chambers, G. A. Hiden, and W. J. Roehmer. We recommend they be excused.

We recommend that all lay delegates not in attendance at Synod, be excused.

Brothers A. E. Isham, W. E. Crouser, S. W. Young, H. J. Mathias, and C. F. Oehler, requested that they be excused before the close of Synod. Their request was granted by the committee. We ask that this be approved.

Rev. L. C. Routzahn failed to send an excuse. We ask that he be not excused. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STAFFORD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Your Committee has received letters of greeting from the President of the General Synod, the General Secretary of the Board of Education and from the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Brotherhood, also a report of the General Synod's Brotherhood Committee.

Your Committee recommends that the three letters of greeting be read to Synod and that the report of the General Synod's Brotherhood Committee be referred to the Lutheran Brotherhood Committee of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. STERMER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions presents the following report:

Resolved, That our Synod most heartily endorses the effort of the Foreign Mission Board to raise a Quadricentennial Fund of $300,000 for the expansion of its Evangelical and Educational

work in India, Africa and South America, and commends the same to our congregations for their liberal gifts.

Resolved, That our Synod cooperates with the Inner Mission Board of the General Synod in its efforts to properly develop and safeguard the office of Lay Reader in the Lutheran Church, and that pastors seek out suitable men to be nominated for this office.

Resolved, That a committee of three, of which the Secretary of Synod shall be chairman, be appointed to arrange the table of Apportionment on the basis of Regular Local Expenses, instead of upon the number of communicants, and report to our next regular convention.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that the salaries of pastors within its territory should be no less than $1,000 for a pastor without a family, nor less than $1,200 for a pastor with a family; and be it

Resolved, That Synod recommends these salaries to the congregations of Synod for their approval and to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for its endorsement.

Resolved, That Synod hereby rescinds Resolution 15 (1) in the Minutes of 1915, page 41, referring to Pullman sleeper fares.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of Synod are hereby expressed to the pastor and members of the First Lutheran church of San Francisco for their hospitable entertainment of this convention of Synod, and to St. Mark's Lutheran church for the use of their Sunday school room on Wednesday evening.

Resolved, That the sum of $5 be allowed the janitor of the First Lutheran church for services rendered at this convention

Resolved, That the sum of $25 be paid the Secretary of Synod for services at this convention.

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed and distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER, Chairman.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND DATE OF ADOPTION.

Resolved, That the President of Synod appoint a committee to make an abstract of Synod proceedings to be printed in German for the benefit of German congregations. (Oct. 16.)

Resolved, That "Pullman sleeper" shall mean first-class sleeper, when so used. (Oct. 16.)

Resolved, That the place of meeting of the next Convention of Synod be referred to the Executive Committee. (Oct. 16.)

Resolved, That Rev. Gehrcke be authorized to send a telegram to Dr. Tressler, President of General Synod, informing him of Synod's action on the Merger. (Oct. 17.)

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod and the Superintendent of Missions shall look after the transfer to the Treasurer of Synod of the funds tendered to his care by the Mary and Martha Circle of Redlands. (Oct. 17.)

Resolved, That the Synod accept with thanks and appreciation the splendid and kindly gift of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of our Synod, of the sum of $35. (Oct. 18.)

Resolved, That the Synod secure cut of Rev. Romich and if possible of Rev. Cressler, and have same printed in minutes of Synod. (Oct. 18.)

Resolved, That we procure a suitable cut of a map of California showing the location of our various congregations and that the same be printed in our minutes. (Oct. 18.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING REV. JATHO'S PAPER ON "LUTHER AND MELANCHTHON."

Two thousand copies have been ordered printed at a cost not to exceed 3 cents each.

W. S. HOSKINSON, Chairman.

Minutes approved.
Synod united in the Lord's Prayer.
Benediction by Dr. Braeuer, pastor *loci*.
Convention adjourned.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN,
Secretary.

These printed minutes, as corrected, are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the 27th Annual Convention of the Synod of California

George H. Hillerman
Secretary

Pand. Cal. Dec 8. 1917

APPENDIX A.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																			
										Losses.			Accessions.					Membership.			Finances.			
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to Church Work and Zionsbote.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1	....	....	....	9	4	....	....	7	6	1	6	....	....	50	65	90	$ 6,000	.....	$ 879	.....
2	E. H. Combs	Alpaugh	First	1	....	2	....	13	8	1	....	11	3	2	1	8	....	46	94	130	6,000	$ 675	905	326
3	Vacant	Fresno	First†	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	4	20	14	12	30	50	70	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1	....	1	....	24	....	5	....	2	50	....	24	....	44	244	296	750	6,800	3,000	550	485
5	F. F. J. Fritzler	Fresno	Wartburg	1	....	....	....	19	12	3	....	3	27	....	14	18	52	197	573	607	6,700	1,200	677	76
6	R. W. Mottern	Glendale	First*	1	....	3	....	2	4	1	3	6	5	....	2	10	3	40	69	79	7,500	3,600	675	6,564
7	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	....	2	....	6	16	1	7	....	4	1	3	3	11	112	132	183	12,000	550	1,605	1,000
8	W. S. Pysinger	Los Angeles	First	1	....	3	1	20	....	5	16	58	20	1	13	22	35	454	734	977	90,000	12,500	5,558	.....
9	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	....	2	....	7	29	4	8	7	11	3	7	16	3	120	170	239	14,500	3,500	1,429	300
10	J. E. Holck	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1	....	2	1	4	8	1	1	3	9	2	1	4	4	63	69	90	4,000	1,100	540	1,072
11	G. H. Hillerman	Oakland	First	1	....	2	1	12	25	1	....	....	8	1	7	12	21	100	157	189	60,000	7,250	1,689	500
12	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1	....	2	....	15	....	2	4	8	4	....	....	11	....	100	116	140	12,000	400	902	750
13	Vacant	Phoenix	Grace	1	....	....	....	2	6	....	2	8	3	....	2	....	8	44	60	83	1,550	50	505	300
14	Vacant	Redlands	First	1	....	2	....	....	10	2	1	4	....	....	1	3	1	55	71	115	10,000	83	984	.....
15	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1	....	3	....	9	8	....	1	7	6	1	6	1	10	87	105	145	6,000	.....	1,500	.....
16	G. A. Hiden	Rochester	Evangelical§	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	§	57	130	1,500	200	740	75
17	W. S. Hoskinson	Sacramento	First	1	....	1	....	8	12	2	....	8	2	1	6	....	8	80	160	227	25,000	2,000	900	65
18	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	German*	1	....	1	....	14	15	9	2	49	31	....	14	....	....	245	504	695	90,000	2,200	3,394	1,400
19	J. K. Reed	Salinas	Our Savior	1	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	4	38	58	69	4,500	200	320	.....
20	W. J. Dentler	San Bernardino	First	1	....	1	....	8	1	1	6	1	6	....	....	2	....	70	123	198	6,000	2,395	650	80
21	Vacant	San Diego	First	1	....	2	1	....	40	7	6	16	3	....	1	7	....	115	200	275	20,000	.....	1,057	125
22	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1	....	2	....	3	6	3	4	....	13	1	2	5	1	102	165	190	60,000	5,700	3,457	.....
23	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1	....	....	....	7	3	4	....	3	8	....	....	....	2	71	123	234	16,500	.....	874	75
24	Disbanded	San Francisco	St. Luke's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1	....	....	....	12	11	....	6	4	38	....	12	....	....	157	309	528	42,000	7,200	2,875	440
26	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's§*	1	....	....	....	28	2	19	....	8	92	16	12	....	....	§	588	1,239	180,000	.....	2,956	.....
27	H. C. Stafford	San Francisco	Temple	1	....	....	....	*28	6	1	....	....	6	....	43	12	6	40	60	80	6,000	1,150	125	4,850
28	C. Legler	Sanger	St. Paul's	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	4	....	2	....	....	60	155	180	2,000	500	90	35
29	W. E. Crouser	San Jose	Grace	1	....	2	....	10	10	....	5	4	6	....	7	2	4	96	169	214	20,000	2,000	1,242	419
30	J. E. Stermer	Santa Barbara	Grace*	1	1	4	1	....	4	1	1	39	1	....	1	2	2	32	36	56	12,325	1,356	1,196	337
31	C. F. W. Stoever	Seattle	St. Paul's	1	....	....	....	....	12	....	2	20	....	2	2	6	....	37	68	178	12,500	5,500	642	257
32	Totals for 1917			30	3	38	5	262	266	74	75	333	386	36	209	158	288	2,885	5,526	8,380	$741,375	$64,309	$38,916	$19,531
33	Totals for 1916			28	....	38	3	301	278	58	92	186	357	29	166	93	147	3,474	5,317	8,277	$731,850	$64,923	$38,900	$13,703

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	Standardized Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contributions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions: For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions: For Local Objects.	Contributions: For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to Woman's Work.	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	No. of Brotherhoods	Brotherhood Members	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Inner Mission.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	....	6	70	....	....	....	$ 103	$ 20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$ 4	$ 10	$ 45	$ 16	$ 13	$ 10	$ 8	....	....	$ 5	....	$ 5	$ 3	$ 3	$ 75	$ 197	$ 1,076
2	1	....	21	94	....	10	14	141	73	1	17	$ 12	$ 30	1	28	....	....	$ 321	....	....	3	9	43	40	12	5	7	$ 45	....	5	....	5	3	3	157	337	1,568
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4	1	....	15	120	....	....	....	67	16	1	21	10	....	1	30	....	....	120	....	....	5	7	23	22	6	5	5	....	$12	3	....	3	3	3	20	118	1,153
5	1	....	6	152	....	....	....	34	9	1	13	10	....	1	17	....	....	9	1	9	....	22	19	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	90	843
6	1	....	12	62	....	5	10	106	16	2	25	5	....	1	88	....	5	14	1	10	2	7	24	11	9	7	5	14	....	4	....	4	2	2	2	93	7,332
7	1	....	16	92	7	6	10	102	75	1	25	5	18	3	38	....	16	275	....	....	7	20	41	43	27	20	15	65	....	10	....	10	5	7	73	343	2,948
8	1	....	30	271	....	....	30	264	56	2	30	....	....	3	78	15	59	274	....	....	32	92	416	148	120	92	69	227	....	46	....	46	23	23	208	1,542	7,100
9	1	....	17	125	....	28	27	250	89	1	16	7	....	1	30	....	16	329	....	....	8	23	104	67	30	23	17	109	....	12	....	12	6	6	84	501	2,230
10	1	....	13	127	..	....	38	179	10	1	15	8	4	1	14	1	11	35	....	....	4	11	52	18	15	11	9	27	10	6	....	6	3	3	35	210	1,822
11	1	....	12	69	....	....	....	174	87	1	25	87	13	1	14	....	11	61	1	12	5	15	68	54	20	15	11	61	5	8	....	8	4	4	13	291	2,480
12	1	....	9	60	....	8	6	80	42	1	30	6	....	2	36	2	27	135	1	15	7	21	93	33	27	21	15	102	....	10	....	10	5	5	....	349	2,001
13	1	....	6	35	....	22	12	63	13	....	....	....	....	1	21	....	....	325	....	....	3	9	40	14	11	9	7	....	....	4	....	4	2	2	....	105	910
14	1	....	10	105	....	....	....	60	120	1	12	....	....	1	14	....	18	86	....	....	4	13	25	20	16	13	9	....	....	6	....	6	3	3	32	150	1,134
15	1	....	18	78	....	13	9	64	169	2	30	80	15	1	20	4	22	98	....	....	6	16	72	70	31	16	12	98	5	8	10	8	4	5	38	399	1,899
16	1	....	6	48	....	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	815
17	1	....	10	80	....	....	29	95	10	1	14	....	....	2	22	3	5	44	1	12	5	15	16	5	10	5	....	37	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	103	1,068
18	1	....	18	180	....	....	....	175	75	1	45	75	45	1	80	10	15	170	....	....	22	50	121	62	26	16	10	169	....	5	....	....	....	5	155	641	5,435
19	1	....	5	12	....	17	....	11	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	10	13	10	8	....	....	....	4	....	....	2	....	27	77	397
20	1	....	9	100	....	....	....	78	40	1	8	....	4	1	12	....	10	40	....	....	7	19	10	30	7	16	14	40	....	7	5	7	5	5	30	202	932
21	1	....	9	74	....	40	24	135	69	1	36	50	40	1	31	25	....	149	1	24	9	25	98	30	25	5	15	149	....	5	....	....	....	....	261	623	1,805
22	1	....	15	80	....	17	21	149	27	2	....	....	....	1	16	....	15	82	....	....	....	....	35	55	12	10	....	81	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	203	3,660
23	1	....	3	38	....	....	....	87	25	....	....	....	....	1	49	....	5	48	....	....	3	10	6	....	4	....	....	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	157	204	1,153
24	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
25	1	....	14	95	....	....	....	290	75	2	75	195	38	1	35	....	2	75	....	....	11	15	102	10	40	5	10	32	....	2	....	2	2	2	125	358	3,673
26	1	....	12	126	....	....	....	125	100	1	35	59	75	1	120	3	....	650	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	825	825	3,781
27	1	....	9	75	....	....	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	6	3	3	3	....	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	15	38	5,013
28	1	....	6	50	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	1	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	134
29	1	....	15	95	....	....	21	130	47	1	25	32	....	1	11	1	10	62	....	....	7	20	41	....	10	....	....	62	....	10	....	....	....	....	40	190	1,851
30	1	....	12	40	16	14	3	96	....	2	40	45	....	2	42	....	9	316	....	....	5	13	26	21	17	7	10	17	...	7	....	7	3	3	38	174	1,707
31	1	....	13	107	....	....	6	....	13	2	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	19	918
32	29	....	347	2,660	23	180	260	$3,132	$1,287	29	577	$687	$282	30	764	64	256	$3,718	6	82	$166	$449	$1,536	$786	$510	$335	$252	$1,359	$34	$177	$15	$148	$78	$ 84	$2,460	$8,391	$ 66,838
33	26	....	331	2,620	27	87	274	$3,672	$1,272	30	713	$810	$437	26	681	72	174	$2,766	2	34	$145	$348	$1,884	$740	$673	$363	$178	$1,282	....	$199	$10	$234	$89	$141	$1,648	$8,457	$ 61,014
34	3	....	16	40	....	93	....	....	$ 15	....	....	....	....	4	83	....	82	$ 952	4	48	$ 21	$101	....	$ 46	....	....	$ 74	$ 77	$34	....	$ 5	....	....	....	$ 812	....	$ 5,824
35	....	....	....	....	4	....	14	$ 540	....	1	138	$123	$155	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	$ 348	....	$162	$ 28	....	....	....	$ 22	....	$ 86	$11	$ 57	....	$ 66	....

APPENDIX B. TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD CHURCHES, 1916-1917.

Churches.	OBJECTS ON APPORTIONMENT.																
	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Total.	Excess.	Deficit.	External Objects.	Grand Total.
Alameda Christ	$ 4.00	$ 10.00	$ 20.00	$ 16.00	$ 13.00	$ 10.00	$ 8.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 3.00	$ 3.00	$ 25.00	$ 122.00				$ 122.00
Alpaugh First	3.00	9.00	19.00	10.20	12.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	39.20	24.00	141.40	$29.40		*$60.00	201.40
Fresno St Paul's	5.00	7.00	23.00	22.00	6.40	5.50	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.60	12.00	98.50		$ 466.50		98.50
Fresno Wartburg		22.00	10.00		8.85							9.15	50.00		1,104.00		50.00
Glendale First	2.00	7.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	77.00		8.00	† 2.00	79.00
Long Beach Trinity	7.00	20.00	41.00	43.00	27.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	7.00	51.00	256.00	12.00			256.00
Los Angeles First	32.00	92.00	185.00	148.00	120,00	92.00	69.00	46.00	46.00	23.00	23.00	231.00	1107.00				1.107,00
Los Angeles St Mark's	8.00	23.00	46.00	37.00	30.00	23.00	17.00	12.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	58.00	278.00			‡ 3.76	281.76
Los Angeles St Paul's	4.00	11.00	23.00	18.00	15.00	11.00	9.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	29.00	138.00				138.00
Oakland First	5.00	15.00	30.00	24.00	20.00	15.00	11.00	8.00	8.00	4.00	4.00	38.00	182.00				182.00
Pasadena Trinity	7.00	21.00	41.00	33.00	27.00	21.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	52.00	247.00				247.00
Phoenix Grace	3.00	9.00	18.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	22.00	105.00				105.00
Redlands First	4.00	13.00	25.00	20.00	16.00	13.00	9.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	32.00	150.00				150.00
Riverside Trinity	6.00	16.00	32.00	26.00	21.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	8.00	4.00	5.00	40.00	194.00	1.00		†‡20.00	214.00
Sacramento First	5.00	15.00		5.00	15.00	5.00						11.84	56.84		125.16		56.84
Sacramento German	20.00	50.00	36.00	37.00	26.00	18.00	10.00	5.00			5.00	80.00	287.00		453.00	* 25.00	312.00
Salinas Our Saviour	3.00		10.00	13.00	10.00	8.00		4.00		2.00		27.50	77.50		18.50		77.50
San Bernardino First	7.00	19.00	10.00	30.00	6.70	16.00	14.00	7.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	31.50	158.20		71.80		158.20
San Diego First	5.00	25.00	36.00	30.00	25.00	5.57	19.00	12.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	60.00	228.57		69.43	* 25.00	253.57
San Francisco First			15.00		12.25	10.00		5.00	5.00			20.00	67.25		219.75	‡ 55.00	122.25
S Francisco St And'w's	3.00	10.00	6.00		4.00								23.00		159.00		23.00
S Francisco St Math's	11.00	15.00	62.00	10.00	40.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	40.00	201.00		173.00		201.00
San Francisco Temple	4.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		3.00	1.00				15.00	38.00		36.00		38.00
Sanger St Paul's		1.00	2.00	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.00					2.00	9.25		356.75		9.25
San Jose Grace	7.00	20.00	41.00		10.00			10.00					88.00		156.00		88.00
Santa Barbara Grace	5.00	13.00	26.00	21.00	17.00	6.58	10.00	7.00	7.00	3.00	3.00	33.00	151.58		6.42		151.58
Seattle St Paul's					13.25	15.00	4.40						32.65		117.35		32.65
H C Funk												5.00	5.00				5.00
H Gehrcke												5.00	5.00				5.00
O H Gruver							15.00					60.00	75.00				75.00
E F A Hantel			3.00			3.00			2.00			6.00	14.00				14.00
J W Hunziker																¶ 25.00	25.00
C F Oehler												5.00	5.00				5.00
M F Rinker		.50											.50				.50
W H and F M Society		25.00											25.00				25.00
Total	$160.00	$474.50	$777.00	$572.45	$519.45	$340.65	$275.40	$180.00	$155.00	$81.00	$123.80	$1,034.99	$4,694.24			$215.76	$4,910.00

*Protege in India †Nachusa Orphanage ‡German Mission Relief ¶California Educational Institution

OSCAR H GRUVER, Treasurer

APPENDIX C. APPORTIONMENT, 1917-1918.

Pastorates.	Churches.	Communicants.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	California Home Missions.	Total.
			$0.10	$0.20	$0.42	$0.32	$0.26	$0.22	$0.15	$0.12	$0.10	$0.05	$0.05	$0.50	$2.49
Alameda	Christ	50	$ 5	$10	$ 21	$16	$13	$11	$ 7	$ 6	$ 5	$ 3	$ 3	$ 25	$ 125
Alpaugh	First	46	5	9	19	15	12	10	7	5	5	2	2	23	114
Fresno	English	30	3	6	13	10	9	7	5	4	3	2	2	15	79
Fresno	St. Paul	244	24	49	101	78	64	55	36	30	24	12	12	122	605
Fresno	Wartburg	197	20	40	82	63	51	43	30	24	20	10	10	98	491
Glendale	First	40	4	8	17	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	20	100
Long Beach	Trinity	112	11	22	47	35	29	24	17	13	11	7	7	56	278
Los Angeles	First	454	45	92	190	145	118	100	68	55	45	23	23	227	1130
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	120	12	24	50	38	31	26	18	14	12	6	6	60	299
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	63	6	13	27	20	16	14	10	8	6	3	3	32	158
Oakland	First	100	10	20	42	32	26	22	15	12	10	5	5	50	249
Pasadena	Trinity	100	10	20	42	32	26	22	15	12	10	5	5	50	249
Phoenix	Grace	44	4	9	18	14	12	10	7	5	4	2	2	22	109
Redlands	First	55	6	12	23	18	14	12	9	7	6	3	3	23	136
Riverside	Trinity	87	9	17	36	28	22	20	13	10	9	4	4	44	216
Sacramento	First	80	8	16	34	25	20	18	12	9	8	4	4	40	199
Sacramento	German	245	24	50	103	78	63	54	37	30	25	12	12	122	610
Salinas	Our Saviour	38	4	7	16	12	10	8	6	5	4	2	2	19	95
S. Bernardino	First	70	7	14	29	22	18	15	11	8	7	4	4	35	174
San Diego	First	115	11	23	48	37	30	25	17	14	12	6	6	57	286
San Francisco	First	102	10	20	43	33	27	22	15	12	10	5	5	52	254
San Francisco	St. Andrew's	71	7	14	29	27	18	15	11	8	7	3	3	35	177
San Francisco	St. Matthews'	157	16	32	66	51	41	35	24	19	16	8	8	74	390
San Francisco	Temple	40	4	8	17	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	20	100
Sanger	St. Paul's	60	6	12	25	19	16	13	9	7	6	3	3	30	149
San Jose	Grace	96	10	19	40	31	25	21	14	12	10	5	5	48	240
Santa Barbara	Grace	32	3	7	14	10	9	7	5	4	3	2	2	16	79
Seattle	St. Paul's	37	4	7	15	12	10	8	6	4	4	2	2	18	92
	Totals	2885	$288	$580	$1207	$927	$756	$635	$436	$347	$290	$147	$147	$1433	$7183

DIRECTORY 1917-1918

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President—MRS. D. J. SNYDER, 1331 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

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Historian—MRS. J. E. HOICK, 415 S. Evergreen Ave., Los Angeles.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Thank Offering—MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN, 472 Jean St., Oakland.

Young People and Mission Bands—MRS. WINIFRED ROMICH, 3737 3rd St., San Diego.

Home Department—MRS. D. L. KINSER, Lamanda Park.

Literature—MISS ROSA FLATHMAN, 741 Adeline St., Oakland.

Annuity—MRS. J. H. HARPSTER, 1616 E. First St., Los Angeles.

Magazine—MRS. P. C. HOFFMAN, Eighth and Flower Sts., Los Angeles.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Time—Sept. 10, 1918.

Place—To be selected.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

of the

Synod of California

HELD IN THE FIRST CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO

OCTOBER 16-17, 1917

(Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., Pastor)

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 16, 1917, 2 p. m.

President, Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, presided.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Charles Weatherbee, of San Francisco.

Roll of Delegates.

San Francisco (St. Andrew's).....Mrs. Stein
San Francisco (St. Andrew's).....Mrs. Bill
San Francisco (First).....Mrs. Fritz
San Francisco (First).....Mrs. Braeuer
Oakland.....Miss Rosa Flathman
Sacramento (English).....Mrs. Funk
Sacramento (English).....Mrs. Hoskinson
Sacramento (German).....Mrs. Oehler
Long Beach.....Mrs. Snyder, a. e.
San Bernardino.....Mrs. Dentler
San Bernardino (Mission Band).....Norman Gustafsen, a. e.
Pasadena.....Mrs. Meverden, a. e.
Los Angeles (First).....Mrs. Dysinger
Los Angeles (St. Mark's).....Mrs. Flickinger, a. e.
Riverside.....Mrs. Reimer, a. e.
Glendale.....Mrs. Mottern, a. e.
Glendale.....Mrs. Esterly, a. e.

All pastors' wives present and Mrs. G. G. Burnett.

a. e.—Absent and excused.

Officers present: Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, President; Mrs. H. C. Funk, Mrs. W. J. Dentler, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, Home Department Secretary; Miss Rosa Flathman, Literature Secretary.

Address of welcome by Mrs. J. R. Braeuer and response by Mrs. C. F. Oehler.

TREASURER'S REPORT (See Appendices A and B).

Committees.

President's Address—Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Harpster.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Braeuer and Mrs. Stafford.

Auditing—W. E. Weaver and J. H. Baxter.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. Dentler, Mrs. Bill, Mrs. Stein.

Resolutions—Miss Flathman, Mrs. Gruver, Mrs. Cressler.

Program—Mrs. Funk, Mrs. Braeuer, Mrs. Fritz.

Reporters.

Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Fritz.

Church Work and Observer—Miss Flathman.

Zionsbote—Mrs. Oehler.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Total active membership	455
Honorary	42
Cradle Roll	22
Life	66
Memorial	5
Home Department	3
Total members in Women's Societies	471
Total members in Young People's	40
Total members in Mission Band	8
Mission Study Classes	1
Number of *Lutheran Woman's Work*	283
Number of *Lutheran Boys and Girls*	155

KATE J. STUBER, Cor. Sec.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The following names have been added to our Life Membership List:

Mrs. H. C. Funk, Sacramento (English); Miss Anna Lemly, Los Angeles (First); Miss Addie E. Nyman, Oakland. Honorary Life Members: John Weaver, Los Angeles (First); Chester Paul Derr, San Jose. No. of Life Members, 72; Honorary Life Members, 12; Memorial Members, 84.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. HOICK, Historian.

REPORT OF THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

The amount of the Thank-Offering for 1916 was $392. Eight societies increased their offering over that of the previous year, of these, the Oakland and Long Beach societies had the largest gain: Oakland more than doubled its offering and Long Beach had an increase of fifty per cent.

The General Thank-Offering Secretary desires the name of the society in the Synod, contributing the largest offering per member in 1917. May each society make this an aim—the largest offering per member.

Your secretary urges:

1. The appointment of a Thank-Offering Secretary in each auxiliary.
2. A more general use of the helps in this department.
3. Each society to hold a public Thank-Offering meeting.
4. A report of the Thank-Offering not later than December 18.

The Thank-Offering should be mentioned and emphasized in each society at least once a quarter and a constant effort made to cultivate high ideals of its significance and importance. Large sums will then be annually turned into the missionary treasury as Thank-Offerings from a grateful people to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift."

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA H. SNYDER, Secretary.

Missionary Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. H. C. Stafford.

President's Address.

Greetings from Synod presented by Dr. Weaver.

Minutes read and approved.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle.

Miss Flathman conducted the Literature Hour.

Paper, "Our Young People," Miss Elsa Koch (read by Mrs. Oehler).

Solo, Miss Ruth Oehler.

Discussion of the Fortieth Anniversary Chest.

Report of the Wheeling Convention, Mrs. H. J. Weaver (read by Miss Oehler).

Missionary Benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Funk.

Delegates' Hour: Eleven societies reported.

Address, "Two Women Who Influenced Luther,' Mrs. W. S. Dysinger.

Address, "Mrs. Luther, the First Mistress of the Parsonage," Mrs. W. J. Dentler.

Address, "Our Industrial Work in India," Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the President's Address wishes to express its appreciation of the time and thought given by our President to the Synodical work during the past year.

In looking carefully over the report we would call attention to the keynote given, "Co-operation," and note with pleasure one hundred and thirteen new subscriptions to *Woman's Work* and the increase of $29 in the treasury.

We suggest that the attention of our societies be called to recommendations:

No. 1, Honor Roll Requirements.

(1) Increased membership.

(2) New subscriptions to *Woman's Work.*

(3) Giving to the regular work at the proper time; and in these times when there are so many outside calls, not to allow the funds to be diverted from our Missionary Societies.

No. 2, That the printed minutes be condensed this year.

No. 3, That a Fortieth Anniversary Secretary be appointed to urge the placing of an Anniversary Chest in each society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. FUNK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

A communication has been received from the Treasurer of Synod informing us of the increase in cost of printing of Synodical minutes for this as well as the past year. The committee recommends that the Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society pay henceforth $35 a year; and $10 additional for last year's expense.

A letter of greeting was received from Mrs. H. C. Beegle, Secretary of the Executive Committee, Springfield, Ohio.

MRS. J. R BRAEUER, Chairman.

Reports were also received from the Literature Secretary, the Young People's and Mission Band Secretary, and the Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee submits the following:

Resolved, (1) That this Convention extends sincere thanks to the pastor and people of the First English Lutheran church of San Francisco for their kind entertainment.

(2) That we extend hearty thanks to Mrs. J. H. Harpster for her interesting and instructive illustrated address on "Here and There in India."

(3) That we express our thanks to Miss Ruth Oehler for her music.

(4) That the secretary be instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Romich, Mrs. Flickinger and Mrs. Cressler assuring them of our sympathy in the sorrow that has befallen them.

(5) That we feel pleased that we have a representative in the African field in the person of Miss Mabel Dysinger, and that our prayers and good wishes go with her for the success of her work.

ROSA A. R. FLATHMAN, Chairman.

Election of Officers (see page 44).

The following bills were allowed:

Mrs. J. H. Harpster, traveling and slides	$19.00
Miss Kate Stuber, stationery and stamps	2.50
Mrs. Reimer, postage	5.00
Miss Flathman, tracts and postage	5.95
Mrs. Hillerman, expenses and programs	7.00
Total	$39.45
Total Offerings during Convention	$19.11

Minutes read and approved.

Concluding devotional service.

The President declared the Twenty-Sixth Convention closed.

CLARA L. S. DENTLER,
Secretary *pro tem.*

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

The public Anniversary Service was held in St. Mark's Lutheran church, Rev. H. S. Feix, pastor, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17. Mrs. J. H. Harpster gave an illustrated address on, "Here and There in India."

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S REPORT, 1916-1917.

Names of Societies	General Fund	Thank-Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Membership	India Bed Fund	Gossner Mission	May Memorial Fund	Girls' School In Africa	Girls' School In India	40th Anniversary Fund	40th Anniversary Special	So. Summer School of Missions	Synodical Fee	Total
Balance, Sept. 20, 1916													$128.13	$128.13
Offering at Convention, Oct. 14-17, 1916								$25.00						25.00
Offering at Southern Conference, May 22, 1917, and Contributions of Auxiliary Societies												$13.32		13.32
Seminary Fund													124.00	124.00
Alpaugh	$10.00													10.00
Glendale	11.00	$ 7.00			$ 2.00		$ 1.00			$ 2.00			1.00	24.00
Long Beach	20.00	30.00	$ 2.00		3.00				$ 3.00				4.00	62.00
Long Beach Mission Band	3.00													3.00
Los Angeles First Church	48.00	50.00	30.00	$20.00	6.00		3.00		25.00	25.00	$ 2.00		6.00	215.00
Los Angeles A. F. C. M. B.	21.00	13.00							18.00					52.00
Los Angeles Kinsinger Mission Band	3.00													3.00
Los Angeles St. Mark's	35.00	17.00	4.00		5.00	$ 8.00	3.00				1.00		3.00	76.00
Los Angeles St. Paul's	14.00	10.00			1.00								2.00	27.00
Oakland	16.00	25.00	1.00	10.00	2.00		1.00			3.00	1.00		2.00	61.00
Pasadena	34.00	20.00			5.00		3.00						5.00	67.00
Redlands	14.00	18.00	1.00		3.00		1.00						.60	37.60
Riverside	28.00	50.00	5.00		3.00		2.00			5.00	1.00		3.00	97.00
Sacramento, English	15.00	6.00	1.00	10.00	2.00		1.00						2.00	37.00
Sacramento, German	84.00	16.00	15.00		14.00					5.00	7.28		12.00	153.28
San Bernardino	12.00	21.00	1.00						1.00	1.00			1.00	37.00
San Bernardino Mission Band	3.00													3.00
San Diego	28.00	55.00	4.00				2.00		29.00	1.00			4.00	123.00
San Francisco, English	16.00	7.00			2.00								2.00	27.00
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	24.00													24.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	21.00	4.00			5.00		2.00						5.00	37.00
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Santa Barbara	10.00	3.00					1.00			2.00				16.00
Synodical Society										10.00				10.00
Interest on Deposit													6.06	6.06
Amount Received	$485.00	$393.00	$64.00	$40.00	$59.00	$ 8.00	$21.00	$25.00	$76.00	$56.00	$12.28	$13.32	$313.79	$1566.39
Amount Remitted	$485.00	$393.00	$64.00	$40.00	$59.00	$ 8.00	$21.00	$25.00	$76.00	$56.00	$12.28	$13.32		$1252.60
Amount in Treasury													$313.79	$313.79

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Thank Offering	393 .00	
Christmas Offering	64 .00	
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May Memorial Fund	21 .00	
Girls' School in Africa	25 .00	
Girls' School in India	76 .00	
Fortieth Anniversary Fund	56 .00	
Fortieth Anniversary "Special"	12 .28	
Delegates' Expenses to General Convention	17 .00	$1,248 .28
Dr L B Wolf, General Secretary, Gossner Mission		8 .00
Seminary Fund		124 .00
Interest on Seminary Fund		4 .96
Synodical Expenses:		
President, Traveling Expenses	$ 29 .00	
President, Postage	4 .00	
President, Programs	5 .50	
Rev G P Goll, Slides for lecture	1 .50	
Mrs Grace Carceller, Traveling Expenses	.60	
Corresponding Secretary	2 .50	
Recording Secretary	.70	
Thank Offering Secretary	1 .30	
Literature Secretary	4 .10	
Treasurer	5 .00	
Treasurer California Synod, Printing Minutes, 1915	25 .00	
1,000 40th Anniversary Seals	2 .20	
Synodical Stationery	9 .00	
Mrs K B Shaffer's name in 40th Anniversary Chest	2 .28	
Mrs J P Kretchings name in 40th Anniversary Chest	2 .28	
Miss Elizabeth Stephens, Treasurer, So Summer School of Missions	13 .32	108 .28
Balance		72 .87
		$1,566 .39

Riverside, Cal., Oct. 8, 1917.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have carefully checked the books of the Treasurer with her report and find they agree.

W. E. WEAVER,
J. H. BAXTER

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Sermon—Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D. (Rev. W. H. Derr).

Tuesday Evening

"How the Orthodox Faith Moulds Life"—Rev. E. P. Schueler, D. D. (Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.)

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Augsburg Confession, Article XVIII., "The Freedom of the Will"—Rev. W. F. Poat, LL. D. (Rev. D. J. Snyder).

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Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Program.
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(All reports herein were adopted by Synod; itemized reports adopted seriatim.)

(All business arranged by Committee on Reference and Council.)

FIRST SESSION

Pasadena, Cal., Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1918, 10 A. M.

Synod opened with the Communion Service. Sermon by the President on the theme, "The Church of the Living God," text 1 Tim. 3:15.

Roll call. (See next page.)

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8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	Los Angeles, 415 Evergreen
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10	William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	San Jose, 450 N. Fourth St.
11	Oscar H. Gruver, D.D.	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave.
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farre
13	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2271 Courtland Av
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21	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale, 111 E. Harvard St
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23	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Pasadena, 396 Galena Ave.
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32	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.
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47	Vacant, Alpaugh	.....	.....	.....
48	Vacant, Salinas	.....	.....	.....
49	Vacant, Santa Barbara	.....	.....	.....

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, bet. 6th and 7th	R. S. Cunning (a)	
and Ventura	Johann P. Haas (a)	
3rd and Freemont	Henry Vogto (a)	2413 No. 42
nd Ave. nr. Washington	W. J. Morgan (a)	1517 W. Monroe St.
nd bet. A and Ash	Knute Rinde (p)	4561 North Ave.
live and Myrtle	H. Weber (a)	325 Buena Vista St.
6th bet. J and K	Anson Caasselman (a)	Broderick, Cal.
East Center	W. A. Settle (a)	
Lincoln nr. Alisal	C. M. Luck (a)	
Anacapa nr. Figueroa	H. W. Gordon (a)	2033 Oak Ave.

Layman's city is same as church, unless exception is noted.
(p)—Present during entire convention.
(a)—Absent from entire convention.
(e)—Present during portion of convention.
Hours of Sessions: 9 a. m. to 12 noon; 2 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brethren of the California Synod:

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this crucial hour in the world's history, when millions of men representing three-fourths of the people of the world are engaged in mortal combat, we are met in this peaceful city to transact the business that pertains not only to our Synod but to the progress of the kingdom of God.

Loyalty to the government under which our members live has ever characterized the Lutheran Church in all lands. It is the teaching of the word of God, and therefore it must be the attitude of the Church which is founded upon that word. And though brother be compelled to fight against brother and son against father and heart strings of wives and mothers are rent asunder by the awful conflict, yet our American Lutheran people have proved their loyalty to the United States of America by subscribing liberally to every Liberty Loan, by buying War Savings Stamps, by contributing to the Red Cross and to every war beneficence and above all by the giving of themselves or their sons and daughters to the service.

As a Synod, God has been very gracious to us in preserving us in the faith and in His service. Our clerical membership has been increased by two, with prospect of several more in the near future. There have been no deaths nor dismissals. Though the synodical year consisted of only eleven months, our churches have actually contributed $575.00 more on apportionment objects than they did last year, and $2,512.00 more on grand total of benevolence. This includes $1,890.00 sent to the National Lutheran Commission.

I herewith submit a summary of facts and official acts for the year.

A.—MINISTERS

Admissions

Rev. Edward P. Schueler, D. D., was received by letter from the Rocky Mountain Synod February 12, 1918.

Rev. W. F. Poat, LL. D., was received June 28, 1918, by letter from the East Ohio Synod.

Resignations

Rev. E. H. Combs, from Alpaugh, to take effect December 31, 1917.

Rev. John K. Reed, from Salinas, taking effect April 30, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Stermer, from Santa Barbara, effective July 31, 1918.

Rev. H. J. Mathias tendered his resignation as pastor of Grace

Church, Phoenix, July 7, 1918, to enter upon Y. M. C. A. work in France. His resignation was laid on the table indefinitely.

Calls Accepted

Rev. Edward P. Schueler, D. D., to San Diego, beginning his pastorate there December 2, 1917.

Rev. J. C. Pedersen accepted a call to work in the General Council Mission in Virgin Islands, entering upon his opportunities there early in the year.

Rev. W. F. Poat, LL.D., to Redlands, July 1, 1918.

Rev. John K. Reed as supply to Phoenix, July 14, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Stermer to First English Church of Fresno, August 1, 1918.

Installations

Rev. H. J. Mathias was installed November 24, 1917, as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Phoenix. Rev. R. Warren Mottern delivered the charges and conducted the ceremony of installation.

On Sunday morning, February 17, 1918, Rev. E. P. Schueler, D. D., was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of San Diego by the President of Synod.

Sunday, July 7, 1918, Rev. W. F. Poat, LL.D., was installed as pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Redlands, the President of Sydnod officiating.

Rev. J. E. Stermer was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Fresno on August 4, 1918, by Rev. H. C. Funk, our Synodical Superintendent.

In War Work

Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D. D., has been appointed Lutheran Camp Pastor at Mather Field, near Sacramento.

Rev. H. J. Mathias entered upon Y. M. C. A. work July 10, 1918.

Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., served in the Council of National Defense with headquarters in Washington, D. C., during the greater part of the year.

Rev. A. E. Isham has received official notice of his appointment as an Army Chaplain, to begin work soon.

Ministry Demitted

Dr. James A. B. Scherer, on his own initiative, has deposited his ordination certificate with the Archivist of Synod. I have, therefore, authorized the Secretary to omit his name from the clerical roll of Synod.

B.—CHURCHES

1. **Fiftieth Anniversary.**—The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sacramento, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D., pastor, celebrated its Golden Jubilee December 2-7, 1917, with elaborate and fitting cere-

monies. The remaining indebtedness on its splendid property, valued at $90,000, was cancelled. A note of $2,200.00 was burned and the same amount raised for improvements on church building. A beautiful new altar, costing $385.00, a gift by one of the members, was dedicated on Trinity Sunday.

2. **St. Matthew's Self-Supporting.**—We are glad to report that beginning April 1, 1918, St. Matthew's Church of San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, pastor, assumed self-support. The congratulations of Synod are hereby extended to the faithful members of this church and to their devoted and efficient pastor.

3. **St. Michael's.**—I received an official communication from Charles L. Trabert, Esq., Secretary of St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church of Berkeley, dated July 15, 1918, advising me of the intention of St. Michael's Congregation to apply for membership in the California Synod at the coming meeting.

I assured the congregation through him of a hearty welcome.

C.—MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Reformation Lectures.**—Our churches were greatly benefited and inspired by the series of lectures delivered throughout our Synod in October and November, 1917, by the Rev. David H. Bauslin, D. D., LL.D., Dean of Wittenberg Theological Seminary.

2. Your President visited the meeting of the Northern Conference in Alameda and presided at the meeting of the Executive Committee of Synod, held May 7th, the minutes of which will be presented to this Synod.

3. **National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.**—Realizing the obligation that rests upon our Lutheran Church to minister in spiritual things to the 165,000 men of our faith and to others who are in the Army and Navy of our country, the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare was organized in 1917.

All general Lutheran bodies are affiliated in this Commission, which deserves the generous support of all our churches.

The first appeal was for a list of names of enlisted Lutheran men. These lists should be corrected from time to time and new names and new addresses sent to headquarters at 437 Fifth Ave., New York City.

The second appeal was for funds. Right royally did our churches respond. The congregations in our California Synod have pledged $1,904.52 and have paid in cash $1,890.52 to this work. Drs. Ball and Gruver deserve special mention as the promoters of this campaign. The total pledges throughout all the Synods

amounted to $1,331,387.00, and the total cash receipts to August 1, 1918, were $1,113,245.00.

Let us continue our interest, our gifts of men and money and, above all, our prayers until the great cause for which we are fighting shall have triumphed and a just and honorable peace be secured for the world.

4. **Local Army and Navy Work.**—In response to a request from the Luther Society of the Bay Cities to appoint a committee to affiliate in war work with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies, I appointed Dr. Braeuer, Rev. Feix, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Frohliger and Mr. Hacke.

5. **The Lutheran Brotherhood of America.**—Having been convinced that this new brotherhood movement has a distinct mission among men of all Lutheran bodies with reference to the great war and perhaps a still wider field in the reconstruction period to follow, I have appointed Bro. J. C. Frohliger of 1522 Poplar Street, Oakland, as Membership Director for the L. B. A. in our Synod.

6. **Fraternal Delegate.**—Rev. George H. Hillerman, D. D., was appointed fraternal delegate to the Augustana Conference, which met in Kingsbury, Cal., in April, 1918. His report will be heard later. We cordially welcome the fraternal delegate from this Conference to our Synod.

7. **Rev. M. Edwin Thomas and Wife.**—It was with a keen sense of disappointment that a few weeks ago we announced the postponement of the visit of two of our honored India Missionaries. It is with pleasure, however, that I now announce that we will be favored with the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas at the sessions of our Synod and Missionary Convention. They are the official representatives of the Board of Foreign Missions and we will give them a prayerful hearing.

D.—RECOMMENDATION

Inasmuch as our Synodical Constitution has been changed considerably since printed, and still other changes will be necessary on account of the consummation of the Merger, I hereby recommend that a committee of three be appointed to present a revised Constitution and By-Laws at the next regular meeting of Synod.

E.—CONCLUSION

And now, Brethren, permit me to thank you for the confidence and co-operation I have enjoyed during the year in the administration of this office. May the Holy Spirit guide the deliberations of this Convention to the glory of God and the advancement of "The Church of the Living God."

Respectfully submitted, HERBERT J. WEAVER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oscar H. Gruver in account with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, September 22, 1917, to August 19, 1918.

DEBIT

To Balance from last year:			
General Synod		$ 27.00	
Synodical Treasury		289.51	
Board of Education		5.00	
Pastors' Fund		2.00	
Deaconess Board		2.00	
Home for the Aged		2.00	
Tabitha Home		2.00	
California Educational Inst.		25.00	
			$ 354.51
To Receipts from Churches:			
General Synod		$ 236.75	
Synodical Treasury		535.17	
Home Missions		837.99	
Foreign Missions		578.60	
Church Extension		510.18	
Board of Education		399.75	
Ministerial Education		410.25	
Pastors' Fund		204.00	
Deaconess Board		166.50	
Home for the Aged		86.00	
Tabitha Home		143.39	
California Home Missions		1,161.28	
German India Relief		55.00	
Proteges in India		85.00	
Missions in South America		30.00	
Armenian Famine Sufferers		70.28	
Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage		20.00	
National Lutheran Commission		1,290.52	
Interest on California Educational Inst.		1.16	
			6,821.82
To Overdraft to Foreign Missions			11.00
Total			$7,187.33

CREDIT

By Remittance to Boards:			
General Synod		$ 263.75	
Synodical Treasury:			
Pastors' Traveling expenses	$165.37		
Janitor, S. F. Church	5.00		
Minutes of Synod	351.44		
Recording Secretary's Salary	25.00		
President's expense	8.00		
Stat. Sec. expenses	.75		
Synod Stationery	22.50		
Cut of Rev. Romich	1.50		
Receipts for Treasurer	6.50		
German Minutes	7.50		
		593.56	
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension:			
Home Missions	$877.99		
Church Extension	503.18		
		1,341.17	
Board of Foreign Missions:			
General Fund	$589.60		
Ger. India Relief	55.00		
Proteges in India	85.00		
Missions in South America	30.00		
		759.60	
Board of Education		400.75	

Ministerial Education:			
Overdraft	$ 41.16		
Fred C. Maurer	150.00		
Fred Weisenborn	150.00		
		341.16	
Pastors' Fund		206.00	
Deaconess Board		168.50	
Home for the Aged		88.00	
Tabitha Home		145.39	
California Home Mission Committee		1,161.28	
Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage		20.00	
Armenian Famine Sufferers		70.28	
National Lutheran Commission		1,290.52	
			$6,849.96
By Cash on hand to balance:			
Synodical Treasury		$ 231.12	
Church Extension		7.00	
Board of Education		4.00	
Ministerial Education		69.09	
California Educational Inst.		26.16	
			337.37
Total			$7,187.33

Respectfully submitted, OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Oakland, Sept. 5, 1918.

We have examined the books, vouchers, receipts, checks, etc., and find same to be correct and respectfully submit our signatures accordingly.

R. X SUNDE,
JOHN C. FROHLIGER,
Auditing Committee.

(See also Appendix A.)

Greetings received from Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D., of Pacific Synod.

COMMITTEES

President's Report—Revs. Snyder, Hoskinson and Poat.

Young People's Society—Revs. Stermer and Stafford and Mr. Knute Rinde.

Conferences—Revs. Funk, Mottern and Dysinger.

Letters and Papers—Revs. Fritzler and Dentler, and Mr. Wm. Alloway.

Auditing—Messrs. W. E. Weaver, Wm. Samuelson, R. Sunde and J. C. Frohliger.

Excuses and Absentees—Revs. Dentler and Hillerman and Mr. J. W. Imler.

Claims—Revs. Gruver and Isham and Mr. F. M. Runkle.

Salary Reduction—Revs. Oehler and Schueler.

Resolutions—Revs. Schueler, Stoever and Rinker.

Reporters—Pasadena Papers, Rev. R. W. Mottern; Los Angeles Papers, Dr. J. W. Ball; Church Work and Observer, Rev. H. C. Funk; Woman's Work, Rev. D. J. Snyder; Zionsbote, Rev. H. Gehrcke.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Frederick.

SECOND SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 10, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Rinker. Roll call. Minutes approved.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

An adequate and efficient ministry is fundamental to the maintainance and progress of the work of the Church at home and abroad. In these direful days in which we are living, there is a lamentable lack of men for the ministry. If, therefore, the activities of the Church are to be sustained and advanced, then, ministerial education must receive our prayerful and liberal support.

In the Churches of the California Synod there are six young men preparing for the ministry. Two of them have been aided in prosecuting their studies by our Synod: Mr. Fred Maurer, from the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco, has been pursuing a special course at Midland College, and enters the Western Theological Seminary this Fall; Mr. Frederick Weisenborn, from St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, returns to Midland as a Junior, with a few units lacking. Both have made commendable progress, and they request a continuance of the support of the Synod.

Mr. Thomas Rinde, a worthy young man from our First Lutheran Church in San Diego, having pursued his studies as far as the local schools permit, requests the aid of Synod in the continuance of his preparation for the ministry at Midland. He has acquired sufficient credits to matriculate as a Sophomore.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That we express our appreciation of the splendid support which has been given by the congregations of Synod to the work of Ministerial Education during the year.

2. That Fred Maurer and Frederick Weisenborn each receive the sum of $150.00 during the coming year.

3. That Thomas Rinde be received as a beneficiary, and a Synodical appropriation of $150.00 be granted him.

4. That the apportionment for Ministerial Education be at the rate of seventeen cents per member for the next year.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK, Chairman.

Mr. Frederick Weisenborn and Mr. Thomas Rinde were presented to the Synod.

California Home Mission Committee and Superintendent of Missions

Twenty-two Missions have been under the direction of your Committee during the past year. Six of these churches have had vacancies during the interval. Three Missions have been supplied with pastors, namely, Redlands; First English, Fresno; and Alpaugh.

Vacant Pastorates.—The following missions are without regular pastors: "Our Saviour," Salinas; "Grace," Santa Barbara, and "St. Paul's," Sanger. The congregation at Sanger has been supplied a greater part of the year by Rev. August Bahr. It has been impossible to provide a permanent pastor for this Mission, and it will be necessary to supply the congregation from one of the Fresno churches for some time. Salinas and Santa Barbara have been vacant only a short time, and have been placed under the care of the Superintendent of Missions until permanent pastors are secured.

Conservation and Better Compensation.—Our Missionaries are confronted with ever increasing difficulties in maintaining their present standing on account of the constant exodus from their ranks, and the temptation of our people to prefer going into the larger churches. Moreover, they are called upon to solve the perplexing problem of making both ends meet with a meager salary, entirely inadequate to the soaring high cost of living. Not only is it important that the Synod shall conserve its man-power, but also imperative that we shall hearten the Missionary by providing at least a living for himself and family. We are all anxious to organize more Missions; yet we are persuaded that for the present it were better to strengthen the Missions already in existence, and to combine the weaker ones into pastorates that may be served by a smaller number of men.

Committee's Recommendation.—The California Home Mission Committee recommends that the minimum salary for our pastors shall be twelve hundred dollars a year; and in addition they urge upon our churches the necessity of providing a house for the pastor as soon as it is possible to do so.

Appropriations by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for year ending March 31, 1919.—Alameda, $275; Alpaugh, $375; Fresno, First English, $900; Fresno, St. Paul's, $325; Fresno, Wartburg, $175; Glendale, $875; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $375; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $956; Long Beach, $200; Oakland, $750; Pasadena, $400; Phoenix, $700; Redlands, $500; Riverside, $300; Salinas, $600; San Bernardino, $700; San Francisco, Temple, $840; Santa Barbara, $575; San Jose, $425; Seattle, $875; Superintendent of Missions, $750. Total appropriation, $11,871.00.

St. Matthew's Becomes Self-Supporting.—On April 1, 1918, St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, Rev. Herman Gehrcke, pastor, assumed self-support. The congregation and pastor expressed their hearty appreciation for the timely aid given by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension after the great disaster of 1906.

Reductions in Aid Received.—Alameda, $25; Wartburg, Fresno, $25; St. Paul's, Fresno, $25; Riverside, $25; San Bernardino, $25; Santa Barbara, $25; San Jose, $25; Seattle, $25; Long Beach, $50; Temple, San Francisco, $60; Oakland, $100; St. Mark's, Los Angeles, $125; St. Paul's, Los Angeles, $144; St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $215. Total reduction, $919.00.

Increase in Appropriations.—Phoenix, $100; Salinas, $125.

Synodical Appropriations.—Alameda, $85; Riverside, $60. An appropriation of $75 was also made to St. Paul's, Los Angeles, to complete the payment for their church lot. A balance of $75 is still due this congregation. The committee has held nine regular meetings, with a traveling expense of $20.00. Expense Cal. H. M. Treasurer, $6. The Superintendent of Mission traveled 41,200 miles. Total expense account, $423.25. Received from Cal. H. M. Treasurer, $102.25.

Our last year's report showed that our Missions contributed $4,842 for benevolence. During the past eleven months our Missions have given $5,738 to benevolent objects, a gain of $896 for benevolence over last year's report. Two hundred and thirty adults were added to these Missions, and one hundred and sixty-four children were given to God in Holy Baptism, showing that our missionaries are active in their efforts to bring souls to Christ.

Our People Tried and Found True.—Your Committee has been confronted with grave problems during these very unusual times. And while our people have been tried, they have been found true to Him whom we serve, loyal to their Church, and also true to "The Red, White and Blue." An appeal to our Sunday Schools greatly aided the Treasurer of the California Home Missions by adding $110.00 to that fund.

For the Committee, H. C. FUNK, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

For the Year October 1, 1917, to August 30, 1918

Money received from Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, D. D., Treasurer of California Synod.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand October 1, 1917	$ 11.93
October 25, 1917	125.00
November 12	56.00
November 26	75.00
January 3, 1918	100.00
February 4	75.00
May 13	100.00
	75.00
June 17	233.00
August 3	134.00
August 21	188.28
Total Receipts	$1,173.21

DISBURSEMENTS

1917.		
Oct. 25.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, salary July-October	$ 17.50
Oct. 25.	Rev. C. F. Oehler, Traveling expenses	5.00
Oct. 29.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary September	62.50
Oct. 29.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses	21.25
Nov. 29.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary October-November	125.00
Dec. 13.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, Traveling expenses	1.80
Dec. 14.	J. F. Reimer, Postage 1917	5.00
Dec. 28.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses Seattle	25.00
1918.		
Jan. 3.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary December	62.50
Feb. 5.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary January, 1918	62.50
Feb. 7.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, Salary October-January, 1918	17.50
Feb. 26.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses	5.00
Feb. 26.	Rev. D. J. Snyder, Traveling expenses	1.00
Mar. 28.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary February	62.50
May 14.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary March-April	125.00
May 14.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, Salary January-April	17.00
June 27.	Rev. J. E. Hoick, Los Angeles (Account St. Paul's Church)	75.00
June 27.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary May-June	125.00
June 27.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses	34.00
Aug. 3.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary July	62.50
Aug. 3.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses	5.00
Aug. 11.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, Salary April-July	17.50
Aug. 12.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Traveling expenses	12.00
Aug. 12.	Rev. J. W. Ball, Traveling expenses H. M. C.	2.00
Aug. 12.	Rev. D. J. Snyder, Traveling expenses H. M. C.	.50
Aug. 12.	Rev. H. J. Weaver, Traveling expenses	2.90
Aug. 26.	Rev. H. C. Funk, Salary August	62.50
Aug. 26.	Rev. J. F. Reimer, Postage 1918	6.00
Aug. 26.	Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, Salary from April, 1917, to July, 1918	152.26
Total Disbursements		$1,173.21

Money received from Rev. H. H. Weber, D. D., General Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

RECEIPTS

October 30, 1917	$ 872.09
November 12	25.00
November 28	947.09
December 28	930.43
January 29, 1918	899.18
February 25	899.18
March 28	899.18
April 29	841.34
May 29	841.34
June 27	791.34
July 30	791.34
August 5	41.67
August 29	801.76
Total	$9,580.90

DISBURSEMENTS

1917	
Oct. 30. By Check	$ 872.09
Nov. 12. By Check	25.00
Nov. 29. By Check	947.09
Dec. 29. By Check	930.43
1918	
Jan. 30. By Check	899.18
Feb. 26. By Check	899.18
Mar. 29. By Check	899.18
Apr. 29. By Check	841.34
May 29. By Check	841.34
June 28. By Check	791.34
July 30. By Check	747.55
Aug. 5. By Check	41.67
Aug. 26. By Balance	43.79
Aug. 30. By Check	801.76
Total	$9,580.94

Respectfully submitted, J. F. REIMER,
Treasurer Home Mission Commitmittee.

We, your Auditing Committee, after checking the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee find them correct in every particular.

W. E. WEAVER,
WILLIAM SAMUELSON.

Report of Delegate to Augustana Conference

For one day, April 25, your delegate, appointed by President Weaver, attended the sessions of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, held in Kingsburg, Cal. Rev. C. O. Lundquist of San Francisco presided, and the reception accorded your delegate was most cordial and hearty, and the fullest opportunity was given to extend our fraternal greetings. Nineteen years ago your delegate represented this Synod before that Conference, when, due to unfortunate and injudicious actions, the exchange of delegates was discontinued. Since then, with the exception of a conference between the presidents of the two bodies, together with a few other pastors and laymen, for the purpose of effecting a union of

a local work (from which, however, nothing came), there has been no official recognition of either body by the other. It was thus a great privilege to be the representative appointed to reopen the friendly relations in this day when Lutherans of every name are coming closer together. It was also a cause for rejoicing to learn the advance that this Conference has made in these years, and to note the aggressive and consecrated character of the men that composed it.

Your delegate entered a plea for a closer co-operation between the two bodies, and presented a plan looking to that end, whereby a consolidation of our churches might be brought about in communities where there is not room for two, and where such consolidation can be secured to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. This called for the appointment of a commission by each body to consider cases where this action seemed to be called for; and to report their findings to their higher bodies and to the congregations concerned. This proposition was received with enthusiasm by the delegates, and the plan has since been ratified by the President of the Augustana Synod, being in line with the federation plans of that Synod. Such a Commission the President of our Synod has appointed, which appointment awaits your approval. President Lundquist has appointed a similar Commission from their Conference, consisting of Revs. L. N. Dahlsten, J. Lincoln, D. D., and C. A. Johnson.

An invitation was given the Conference to appoint a Fraternal Delegate to this Convention of Synod; such a delegate was appointed and is present in the person of Rev. L. N. Dahlsten, of this city.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Delegate.

Greetings extended from California Conference of Augustana Synod by Rev. L. H. Dahlsten.

Report of Committee on the State of the Church

After carefully studying the reports of the pastors on the State of the Church and reviewing the reports of the committee for the past ten years, as near as we can come to the facts from this data the Church is in statu quo. Some are spiritual, faithful, active servants of the Lord, and others are worldly, negligent, pleasure-loving, business-absorbed, nominal Christians. The millstone about the neck of the Church is the church member without consecration. The joy and strength of the Church is the devoted faithful child of God, who believes His word, trusts His promises, obeys His commands, is led by His Spirit. We have many such in California Synod.

W. S. DYSINGER.

Report of Committee on Plan of Apportionment, providing for a new system based on per capita and local expenses, was received, referred back to the committee and at a later session voted down.

Statistical Secretary's Report

Twenty-seven Parochial Reports were received and tabulated. No reports were received from Rochester; St. Mark's, San Francisco; or Sanger; but to make the record complete, last year's record has been reproduced.

The following items gleaned from the totals will be of interest:

MEMBERS

Total number of accessions	579
Number of losses	778
Communicant membership	2,921
A gain of	36
The confirmed membership totals	5,327
Baptized membership	8,517
Increase in baptized membership	157

CHURCH FINANCES

Value of Church Property	$742,300
Increase of value of Church Property	925
Indebtedness	57,920
A decrease of	6,389
Regular Local Expenses	40,088
Increase of	1,172
Unusual Local Expenses	12,833
Decrease of	6,698

BENEVOLENCE

External Benevolence	$ 5,815
Increase	3,355
Total Benevolence	12,672
Increase	4,281
Grand Total of Expenditures	65,335
A decrease of	1,503

The Synodical Benevolence was $720 larger than last year. Considering the fact that the past Synodical year contained only eleven months, this is truly a commendable record.

In order that greater accuracy may be secured in making out the Parochial Report, the following recommendation is offered:

Resolved, That the Program Committees of Conferences be requested to make provision for a Round Table on Parochial Reports at the next annual meetings of these bodies.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. HOICK.

(See also Appendices B and C.)

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Oehler.

FIRST EVENING SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 10, 1918, 8 P. M.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hoick on "The Mission of the Lutheran Church in the Present World Crisis;" text Rom. 14:17.

THIRD SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 11, 1918, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. H. Gehrcke. Theme, "No Condemnation in Christ Jesus."

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Report of the Executive Committee

Alameda, Cal., May 7, 1918.

The Executive Committee of California Synod met in Christ Church, Alameda, pursuant to the call of the President of Synod. Present: Revs. Weaver, Braeuer, Gruver, Funk, Stafford and Hillerman, and Mr. N. N. Fritz. Opened with prayer by the President.

Invitations for the next Convention of Synod were received from the First Church, Glendale, and from Trinity Church, Pasadena; entertainment in both cases to be on the Harvard plan. It was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended these congregations for the invitations, and that the invitation from Pasadena be accepted on the ground of the priority of the organization of the congregation.

The resignation of Rev. R. W. Mottern as Statistician was received and accepted, and Rev. J. E. Hoick was elected to fill the unexpired term.

The name of Rev. E. P. Schueler, D. D., was added to the Committee on Reference and Council.

Adjourned.

HERBERT J. WEAVER, President.
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

Your Committee finds that the minutes of last year are well gotten up and written in terse but plain language, and in good readable print.

A typographical error was noticed on page 20. where under "Report of Executive Committee" it should read "Montara" instead of "Montana."

On page 39 it was resolved "that Secretary of Synod and Superintendent of Missions shall look after the transfer to the Treasurer of Synod of the funds tendered to his care by the Mary and Martha Circle of Redlands." Has this been done?

Answer—"No."

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. F. OEHLER, Chairman.

Committee on Minutes of Conferences

The Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was held in Christ Church, Alameda, May 7th and 8th, 1918. The following memorial to Synod was adopted:

(1) "Resolved, That in view of present economic conditions it be recommended that Synod seriously consider the rescinding of resolution on page 31 of the 1915 Minutes of Synod.

(2) "Furthermore, that a commission of five, consisting of three laymen and two clergymen, be appointed by Synod; the purpose of said commission shall be to investigate and tabulate all salaries paid by all congregations in Synod, and to recommend and impress, at their earliest convenience, upon all congregations and councils such adjustment of salaries as specific conditions in each parish shall demand."

The Southern Conference was held in St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, April 23rd and 24th, 1918. Nothing in these minutes call for the attention of the Synod.

H. C. FUNK, Chairman.

Item 1 referred to Committee on Salary Reductions to report later. (See page 27.)

Report on Federation of Lutheran Synods

"The Merger" has for the time obscured the federation thought. However, the Augustana Synod, in its withdrawal from the General Council, and its refusal to enter the Merger, has put itself behind the federation movement, giving it stronger impetus than it has had for years. A meeting of all Lutheran Synods was called by this body, to assemble in Minneapolis the early part of this month, the main purpose of which was to secure finally a federation that will take in all Lutheran Synods, both those embraced in the Merger and those unfavorable to it. The federation here proposed is to be one "for consultation and arbitration rather than for legislation, leaving the 'sovereignty' in the hands of the individual Synods." Thus writes Dr. Conrad Peterson, the Secretary of the Committee, appointed by the Augustana Synod. Home Mission problems are to be the matters first considered by this proposed federation. This plan is parallel to, and in direct accord

with the method of co-operation that is now begun between the California Synod and the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

The chairman of the General Synod's Committee on Federation, the Rev. F. P. Manhart, D. D., was present at the meeting of the Joint Synod of Ohio in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 22-29, where the interests of the Federation were pushed to the front. The Joint Synod of Ohio is also keenly interested in the federation idea, feeling that the time for the complete Merger is not yet here, and has its Committee on Federation actively at work.

It would seem that for those Synods that are not yet ready for a closer union, a Federation, somewhat along the line proposed by the Augustana Synod, should be encouraged. This is far better than antagonism, or even mere aloofness, and in time will lead to complete union, and it may come sooner than some of us think.

In line with this same aim is the work being done by the Lutheran Bureau. This Bureau has done more to solidify and bring together our scattered and divergent Luther forces than most any other single agency of late years. It deserves our support and should receive a large membership list from California. The Rev. O. H. Pannkoke, who is the Secretary of the Bureau, with headquarters in New York City, is a member of the Synodical Conference. In closing it is fitting to call attention to the fact that California Synod in 1907 passed one of the first resolutions ever passed by a Synod, looking to the unification of the entire Lutheran Church.

We recommend that California Synod continue in its co-operation through an officially appointed representative.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Delegate.

Archivist's Report

Your Archivist reports that all papers and documents entrusted to him have been properly filed and cared for, and are to be found in the Archives of the Synod, in the First Church of San Francisco, Calif.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. STAFFORD.

Invitation to hold the next Convention of Synod in the First Church, Oakland, entertainment on the Harvard Plan, was unanimously accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Legler.

FOURTH SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 11, 1918, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with a hymn. Prayer by Dr. Poat. Doctrinal paper by Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D., on "Christ's Return to Judgment."

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Report of Commission on Co-Operation

Your Commission on Co-operation with the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, after meeting with the Swedish brethren, and with their agreement, recommends that stated meetings be held by the joint commissions for the purpose of considering and advising on matters of common interest in our Home Mission work.

G. H. HILLERMAN, Chairman.

Report of Synodical Sunday School Secretary

During the year your Sunday School Secretary has been in touch with Sunday School work both in general and in his own school, but has not been able to do for the Sunday Schools of the Synod what he had hoped, except to distribute some Sunday School literature and helps and to urge pastors and Sunday School workers to organize Teacher Training Classes.

The following is the Sunday School report for the year just closed: 30 Sunday Schools; 1 Standardized School; 332 Officers and Teachers; 2,496 Scholars; 16 Teacher Training Students; 133 Members of Home Department; 229 Members of Cradle-Roll; $3,320 Contributions for support of Schools; $1,485 Contributions for Benevolence; 8 schools have Home Departments; 13 have Cradle-Rolls.

There should be a greater and more determined effort on the part of Pastors and Sunday School workers to make our schools standardized schools. It is possibly with some planning and much work to make almost every Sunday School of the Synod measure up to the ten points required of a Standardized School.

The Teacher Training Campaign, on from September 15 to October 15 of this year, is timely. Never before in the history of the Sunday School has there been such an evident need and such an urgent demand for trained Sunday School Teachers. Every Lutheran Sunday School should have its Teacher Training Class, using our Lutheran literature. The class should be under some competent teacher or, if none other can be found, the Pastor should in some way plan to take charge of the class. A more dili-

gent study and a more careful impartation and explanation of the Word of God is one of the fundamental needs of our Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

Your Committee would report that during the past year the societies report a total membership of 446. There was a total gain of 92 new members and a loss of 43, which is a net gain of 49 or 11% over the last year.

No report was received from 3 societies.

There are 8 C. E. societies and 9 Luther Leagues and various other organizations such as boy's clubs, boy scouts, choir clubs, etc.

During the year 3 new societies were reported.

We are encouraged with the progress that has been made in the way of new societies and increased memberships, also the earnestness with which our young people devote themselves to the moral and spiritual support of the Church, especially since the nation has made so many demands upon our young people.

We heartily commend the action taken at the last meeting of the Southern Conference that efforts be made to hold Lutheran Young People's Rallies, each society sending a delegate, with a special speaker provided for the purpose of promoting Luther League work.

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH E. STERMER.

Report of the Inner Mission Committee

We all know what Home Missions are doing and what wonders have been wrought by Foreign Missions, but many there are who do not know what the blessed ministry of Inner Mission is accomplishing in this world of sin and suffering.

The Inner Mission is a product of that faith which worketh by love. Whatever is not undertaken in this spirit is not Inner Mission. The principle upon which all our work is done is: That there can be no uplift except on the right foundation, and the only foundation is Christ Jesus.

Inner Mission, as the name indicates, does its work within the pale of the Church and the tools of this movement are the Word and Work. We must not only preach the Gospel, but practice it. Inner Mission's ideal is to have the entire live and conscious Church in service. It emphasizes the constantly forgotten, despised fact that it is the Church to which the commission is given of carrying out Christ's work upon earth. We therefore cannot doubt that every one must feel interested in the Inner

Mission movement. And if at any time the work of our society was needed, it is now.

The great world war has changed the attitude of indifference into real activity of Inner Mission work and has opened a door for us as never before.

Imagine what a great field of work confronts our country after the war. There will be more orphans, widows, crippled, deaf, dumb, blind to help and take care of. All these and other conditions thrust before us, problems, social and religious, of so grave an import that as Christians, holding fast to the old truths, we cannot ignore them without proving unfaithful to our profession. We must always remember: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least, ye did it unto me."

While the chief aim of the Inner Mission is congregational activity, yet it also includes institutions of mercy. At present it has not been possible to organize such institutions within our borders, as the work is only preliminary, but we must be ready when duty calls. Referring to the minutes of Synod last year (p. 32), a reference is made to the organized Luther Society in San Francisco. This society has been quietly working and forging ahead. There is a possibility that this society might develop into a general charitable and helpful organization—a real Inner Mission work. Realizing the fact that Inner Missions is a blessed work that needs our utmost help and assistance, your Committee would therefore recommend that the second Sunday in October be observed as Inner Mission day, when the subject of Inner Mission shall be presented before our congregations, and that the pastors of our churches be urged to distribute Inner Mission literature amongst their members.

Respectfully submitted, H. GEHRCKE, Chairman.

Judge Wells appeared before Synod in behalf of the Armenian and Syrian Relief work.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee finds in the President's report evidence of faithful supervision and efficient conduct of the affairs of Synod during the past year.

We recommend that Synod approve the appointment of a committee of three to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. SNYDER.

Report of Committee on Claims

Your Committee on Claims has received and tabulated the traveling expenses of pastors to Synod and apportioned the same ac-

cording to congregational payments to Synodical Treasury for the past two years as per accompanying statement, aggregating the sum of $108.99.

In addition we recommend that the following claims be allowed:

Rev. J. E. Hoick—Statistical Secretary's expenses	$ 2.25
Rev. H. J. Weaver—President's expenses	7.00
Rev. G. H. Hillerman—Recording Secretary's Salary	25.00
Rev. E. Meyer—Printing Envelopes	2.75
Rev. H. Gehrcke—Telegram to Dr. Tressler	1.00
Rev. W. H. Derr—For Janitor Service secured	5.00

Respectfully submitted, O. H. GRUVER, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Data Regarding Salary Reductions

Your Committee has carefully checked over the data presented on the floor of Synod, relating to alleged discrimination in the practice of the Home Mission Committee. Your Committee would report that it does not appear to it that the practice of the Home Mission Committee has been at all irregular or arbitrary, or offers any ground on which to recommend the rescinding of the rule in question.

C. F. OEHLER,
E. P. SCHUELER.

Synod refused to grant memorial from the Northern Conference that it rescind its action of 1915 on salary reductions.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Snyder.

FIFTH SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 12, 1918, 9 A. M.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. H. Gehrcke. Theme, "No Separation from the Love of God."

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Report of Board of Directors of California Educational Institution

The directors of the California Educational Institution have had before them for consideration the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary:

"Whereas past efforts on the part of the Pacific Synod and the California Synod to establish jointly a Theological Seminary have met with difficulties which, up to the present time, have prevented any definite agreement from being attained; and

"Whereas, the Pacific Synod, in consequence, has founded its own Seminary in Seattle, and secured for it a site of ten acres, and has conducted the Seminary for a numbers of years at great sacrifice and under many difficulties, and yet with gratifying results; and

"Whereas, we are convinced that no Seminary located at any point in a territory stretching from Alaska to Patagonia can satisfy the needs of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast for all future time; and

"Whereas, the Seminary located at Seattle can permanently serve the Northern section covered by the Pacific Synod and for the time being can be made to meet the needs of the California Synod;

"Therefore, Be it resolved that we ask the California Synod to co-operate with us by the election and support of one professor and by the raising of such endowments as they may be able to secure from time to time; that we agree to alter our charter so as to give the California Synod proper representation in the Board of Directors; that when, in the judgment of the California Synod the time arrives for the establishment of another seminary to supply their needs more adequately, the principle of any endowment funds raised by the California Synod shall be returned to them as the nucleus of such a work;

"Resolved further, that we request the California Synod to unite with us in asking the United Lutheran Church of America for its endorsement of such co-operation."

We recommend:

1. That when the proposed changes in the charter of the Pacific Theological Seminary shall have been effected, the directors of the California Educational Institution shall become the representatives of this Synod in the increased Board of Directors.

2. That this reorganized Board of Directors be authorized to elect a professor to be known as California Synod's professor, whose support, including endowments, shall be provided, so far as possible, by this Synod.

3. That, upon consummation of the Merger of the General Synod, General Council and the United Synod in the South into the United Lutheran Church, it shall become the policy of this Synod to educate its students in the Pacific Seminary.

4. That this action is taken with the distinct understanding that when the time shall come to establish a similar institution on the territory of the California Synod, the right of withdrawing its professor, endowments and students shall be unquestioned.

5. That this action is taken subject to the approval of the United Lutheran Church in America.

6. That we instruct our delegates to the convention of the United Lutheran Church to use their best endeavors to secure favorable action on behalf of the educational interests of the Pacific Coast.

For the Directors, J. W. BALL, Secretary.

Rev. M. E. Thomas presented the interests of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Stafford.

MINISTERIUM

For record of meeting see protocol, page 312.

SIXTH SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 12, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Funk. Roll call. Minutes approved.

Elections. Tellers, Revs. Dentler and Stafford (see page 3).

Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee submits the following for your consideration:

Whereas, Our nation finds itself engaged in a great and just war; and whereas, the Scriptures command obedience to regularly constituted governmental authority; and whereas, as Christian citizens and as churches, we owe all our liberty and many of the best blessings of life to the beneficent form of government under which we live, whose preservation incorrupt we owe to our children and to the world at whatever cost; therefore, be it

1. Resolved, That we pledge to the President and Congress of the United States the sincere and undivided loyalty of our people in this great world struggle for liberty and democracy, that in every way, by our prayers, our teachings, and all our acts, we will strengthen the hands and hearts of our national leaders and of those who at this time are offering their lives in the national defense; and further be it

2. Resolved, That we commend to our people every cause that presents itself as a corollary to the war, and especially urge the duty of devoting themselves and whatever means they possess to insure that complete moral and financial support which must be forthcoming if our cause is to be finally vindicated and a righteous peace be won for the world; and be it further

3. Resolved, That as Christian people we regret that the war has brought about such feelings of deadly hatred between the nations; and we fervently pray that with the termination of the war good feeling and good Christian fellowship may again prevail.

4. Resolved, That we appreciate the presence of Judge Wells in our Convention and commend to our churches the cause of war relief in Bible lands which he so eloquently presented.

5. Resolved, That reciprocating to the full the fraternal regards expressed in the similar action of the Pacific Synod, relative to closer co-operation, we direct the officials of this Synod to take suitable steps towards the transfer to that Synod of such congregations of this Synod as may now exist upon the territory of the Pacific Synod.

6. Resolved, That we rejoice in the growing spirit of unity and co-operation among the various branches of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States; that we welcome and heartily reciprocate the friendly spirit of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod; and that above all we record our joy in and thanksgiving to God for the successful consummation of the merger plan for the three general bodies which as the United Lutheran Church in America will hold their first convention in New York next November.

7. Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the pastor and people of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Pasadena for the hospitality of their church and homes, and for all the kind attentions which we have enjoyed at their hands.

(Adopted by rising vote, with instructions to be read at evening session.)

8. Resolved, That 750 copies of the minutes of the Convention be printed and distributed pro rata among the congregations.

EDWARD P. SCHUELER.

Additional Resolutions, with Date of Adoption

1. Resolved, That the matter of recording benevolence funds contributed outside of Synodical channels be referred to the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary.

(See No. 9 below.) (Sept. 10, a. m.)

2. Resolved, That California Synod endorse the action of the President in appointing a Commission to confer with a similar body from the California Conference of the Augustana Synod; and that the Home Mission Committee of Synod be the body to whom all questions of comity and co-operation be referred hereafter. (Sept. 10, p. m.)

3. Resolved, That the form at present in use for securing the State of Church reports be abolished. (Sept. 11, a. m.)

4. Resolved, That in addition to the requirements already provided for the securing of fares to and from Synod, each pastor shall be required to send his Parochial Report to the Statistician by the time designated by Synod, in order to secure any payment of fares. (Adopted as By-Law 14, Sept. 11, p. m.)

5. Resolved, That election be entered upon for one clerical and three lay alternates to the adjourned meeting of the 48th Convention of the General Synod, with the understanding that no newly elected alternate shall attempt to attend the Convention without advice from the General Synod as to the legality of his representation in that body. (Sept. 12, p. m.)

6. Whereas, The below named regularly elected alternates to the 48th Convention of the General Synod are disqualified to represent California Synod at the adjourned meeting of the above-named Convention, for the reasons affixed to their respective names; and

Whereas, Dr. T. H. Dewitz became a regular delegate, making another alternate vacancy; therefore be it

Resolved, That the 48th Convention of the General Synod, (adjourned meeting) be requested to recognize the following alternates in place of those certified to a year ago, and whose names are affixed hereto:

Rev. William H. Derr; Messrs. N. N. Fritz, J. A. Bohn and W. A. Lichtenwalner.

Disqualified alternates—Rev. J. W. Romich, death; Mr. A. A. Maxwell, no longer a Lutheran; Mr. N. N. Grant, left the Synod; Dr. T. H. Dewitz, became regular delegate. (Sept. 12, p. m.)

7. Resolved, That immediately after this Convention the Treasurer of Synod shall call the attention of the pastors to the pressing need for funds for General Synod, Ministerial Education, California Home Missions and Synodical Treasury. (Sept. 12, p. m.)

8. Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod send a copy of Art. 6, Sec. 7 of the Constitution to each clerical member who has demitted the regular duties of the ministry. (Sept. 12, p. m.)

9. Resolved, That at the bottom of the Parochial Report and the Treasurer's Report, attention be called to the following statements:

(1) "Included in External Objects are only a part of the contributions made by our churches for Armenian Relief, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., National Lutheran Commission and other benevolences."

(2) "Other churches contributed to one or more of these External Objects whose contributions were not sent to the Treasurer, but direct to the Fund."

(Report from No. 1 above.) (Sept. 12, p. m.)

10. See Protocol, p. 312.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses

Your Committee recommends that excuses be granted the following brethren:

Revs. A. Jatho, J. J. Chambers, E. G. Junghans, J. C. Pedersen, H. S. Feix, E. G. Lund, J. K. Reed, E. H. Combs, E. F. A. Hantel, L. C. Routzahn, C. F. W. Stoever, S. W. Young, J. Gutleben and W. S. Hoskinson, together with laymen Settle, Kuner, Noel, Fuhrman, Pape and Bohn.

Revs. Isham, Rinker and Oehler and layman Alloway were excused for part of Synod. We ask Synod to concur in these grants.

Revs. Brandes, Roehmer, Eckhart, Bahr and Swickard sent no excuses. We recommend that they be not excused.

Rev. H. J. Mathias is now in France. We ask that he he excused.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. DENTLER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

Your Committee has received communications from the President of General Synod, the Rev. Dr. Victor G. A. Tressler, the Secretary of Deaconess Board, the Rev. Dr. Chas. E. Hay, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, the Rev. J. C. Pedersen, and the Rev. E. Meyer.

We acknowledge the fraternal greetings of the brethren and recommend the letters of Dr. Tressler, Dr. Kunzman and J. C. Pedersen be read to Synod.

Respectfully submitted, F. FELICIAN FRITZLER, Ch.

Minutes approved.

Adjourned with prayer by the President.

LAST EVENING SESSION

Pasadena, Sept. 12, 1918, 8 P. M.

Sermon by Rev. W. S. Dysinger on "Co-Laborers with God," text 1 Cor. 3:9.

The President extended the thanks of Synod to the entertaining congregation, introduced the new President, Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., and closed the Convention with the prescribed forms.

GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Secretary.

These printed minutes, with corrections made by pen, and additions as noted from the Protocol, are a true, correct and full report of the proceedings of the 28th Annual Convention of California Synod.

Attest.

Oakland Cal George H. Hillerman

Nov. 15, 1918 Secretary.

APPENDIX A—Treasurer's Report of Receipts from Churches 1917—1918

Churches	Objects on Apportionment Table															External Objects		Grand Total
	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess' Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	California Home Missions	Total	Excess	Deficit	National Lutheran Commission	Other Objects	
Alameda, Christ	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 21 00	$ 16 00	$ 13 00	$ 11 00	$ 7 00	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 30 00	$ 130 00	$ 5 00		$ 51 00		$ 181 00
Alpaugh, First	3 00	9 00	22 50		4 00		7 00				23 54	30 00	99 04		$ 14 96		[12]$82 00	181 04
Fresno, First	3 00	6 00					5 00					20 00	34 00		45 00			34 00
Fresno, St. Paul's	5 00	7 00	12 00	23 60	6 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	60 00	135 60		469 40	16 60	[2]1 40	153 60
Fresno, Wartburg	8 30	20 00	11 00	10 00	10 00		11 00	6 00		5 00	5 00	48 70	135 00		356 00			135 00
Glendale, First	4 00	8 00	17 00	13 00	10 00	9 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	8 00	22 00	108 00	8 00		27 00	[3]5 00	140 00
Long Beach, Trinity	11 00	22 00	47 00	36 00	29 00	25 00	22 00	13 00	11 00	7 00	7 00	71 00	301 00	22 00		125 77	[3]40 00	466 77
Los Angeles, First	45 00	92 00	190 00	145 00	118 00	100 00	68 00	55 00	45 00	23 00	23 00	227 00	1131 00					1131 00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	12 00	24 00	50 00	38 00	31 00	26 00	18 00	14 00	12 00	6 00	19 85	70 00	320 85	23 85		103 20		424 05
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	6 00	13 00	27 00	20 00	16 00	14 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	42 00	168 00	10 00		8 55		176 55
Oakland, First	10 00	20 00	42 00	32 00	26 00	22 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	60 00	259 00	10 00		258 00	[2]10 00	527 00
Pasadena, Trinity	10 00	20 00	42 00	32 00	26 00	22 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	50 00	249 00			50 00		299 00
Phoenix, Grace	4 00	9 00	18 00	14 00	12 00	10 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	22 00	109 00					109 00
Redlands, First	6 00	12 00	15 00				9 00					23 00	65 00		71 00	12 00		77 00
Riverside, Trinity	9 00	17 00	36 00	28 00	22 00	20 00	13 00	10 00	9 00	4 00	10 00	54 00	232 00	16 00		55 50		287 50
Sacramento, Evangelical	24 00	50 00	45 00	45 00	35 00	26 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	72 00	337 00		273 00	163 00	[2]16 00	516 00
Sacramento, First	2 45	16 00	7 12			8 75	12 00					10 44	56 76		121 24	70 00		126 76
Salinas, Our Savior's	4 00	7 00	10 00		10 00		6 00		4 00			19 00	60 00		35 00	6 50		66 50
San Bernardino, First	6 00	13 67	27 37	15 00	14 00	11 00	11 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	25 96	139 00		35 00			139 00
San Diego, First	12 00	28 00	48 00	37 00	30 00	35 00	30 00	14 00	16 50	6 00	11 00	57 00	324 50	38 50		151 00	[1]245 88	521 38
San Francisco, First	6 00	2 00	20 00	33 00	18 58	22 00	10 00	5 00	5 00			26 00	147 58		106 42		[5]55 00	202 58
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	3 00	7 00	3 00				3 00					4 00	20 00		157 00	45 00		65 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	10 00	25 00	66 00	5 00	41 00	8 00	4 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	25 00	187 00		203 00	35 00		222 00
San Francisco, Temple	4 00	8 00	17 00	13 00	10 00	9 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	30 00	110 00	10 00		32 00	[3]5 00	147 00
Sanger, St. Paul's	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00	1 00		1 00	5 25	14 25		134 75			14 25
San Jose, Grace	10 00	19 00	14 00				14 00	12 00					69 00		171 00			69 00
Santa Barbara, Grace	3 00	7 00	14 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	33 19	99 19	17 19		30 40		129 59
Seattle, St. Paul's	4 00	7 00	15 00	12 00	18 60	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00			18 74	97 34	5 34		50 00		147 34
Rev. M. F. Rinker		50											50					50
Rev. E. H. Combs		5 00											5 00					5 00
Rev. L. C. Routzahn	5 00	5 00					5 00					5 00	20 00					20 00
Calif. Educational Inst.																	[6]1 16	1 16
Convention of Synod, 1917							52 00						52 00					52 00
W. H. & F. M. Society		45 00											45 00					45 00
Northern Conference, 1918							9 25						9 25					9 25
Total	$236 75	$535 17	$837 99	$578 60	$510 18	$399 75	$410 25	$204 00	$166 50	$ 86 00	$143 39	$1161 28	$5269 86			*$1290 52	*$261 44	$6821 82

[1] Protege in India. [2] Armenian Famine Sufferers. [3] Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage.
[4] Missions in South America. [5] German India Relief.
[6] California Educational Institution. *See Additional Resolution No. 9 (2), page 33

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER.

APPENDIX B—Apportionment, 1918—1919

Pastorates	Churches	Members	General Synod	Synodical Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess' Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	California Home Missions	Total
			.10	.20	.42	.32	.26	.22	.17	.12	.10	.05	.05	.50	2.51
Alameda	Christ	35	$ 4	$ 7	$ 15	$ 11	$ 9	$ 8	$ 6	$ 4	$ 4	$ 2	$ 2	$ 18	$ 90
Alpaugh	First	32	3	6	13	10	8	7	5	4	3	2	2	16	79
Fresno	English	31	3	6	13	10	8	7	5	4	3	2	2	16	79
Fresno	St. Paul's	248	25	50	104	79	64	55	42	30	25	12	12	124	622
Fresno	Wartburg	210	21	42	88	67	55	46	36	25	21	11	11	105	528
Glendale	First	45	5	9	19	14	12	10	8	5	5	2	2	23	114
Long Beach	Trinity	121	12	24	51	39	31	27	21	15	12	6	6	61	305
Los Angeles	First	471	47	94	198	151	122	104	80	57	47	24	24	236	1184
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	135	14	27	57	43	35	30	23	16	14	7	7	68	341
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	75	8	15	32	24	20	17	13	9	8	4	4	38	192
Oakland	First	105	11	21	44	34	27	23	13	13	11	5	5	53	265
Pasadena	Trinity	104	10	21	44	33	27	23	18	12	10	5	5	52	260
Phoenix	Grace	52	5	10	22	17	14	11	9	6	5	3	3	26	131
Redlands	First	42	4	8	18	13	11	9	7	5	4	2	2	21	104
Riverside	Trinity	83	8	17	35	27	22	18	14	10	8	4	4	42	209
Sacramento	First	90	9	18	38	29	23	20	15	11	9	5	5	45	227
Sacramento	Ev. Lutheran	226	23	45	95	72	59	50	38	27	23	11	11	113	567
Salinas	Our Saviour	34	3	7	14	11	9	7	6	4	3	2	2	17	85
San Bernardino	First	50	5	10	21	16	13	11	9	6	5	3	3	25	127
San Diego	First	119	12	24	50	38	31	26	20	14	12	6	6	60	299
San Francisco	First	93	9	19	39	30	24	20	16	11	9	5	5	47	234
San Francisco	St. Andrew's	63	6	13	26	20	16	14	11	8	6	3	3	32	158
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	150	15	30	63	48	39	33	26	18	15	8	8	75	378
San Francisco	Temple	52	5	10	22	17	14	11	9	6	5	3	3	26	131
Sanger	St. Paul's	60	6	12	25	19	16	13	10	7	6	3	3	30	150
San Jose	Grace	106	11	21	45	34	28	23	18	13	11	5	5	53	267
Santa Barbara	Grace	20	2	4	8	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	10	48
Seattle	St. Paul's	69	7	14	29	22	18	15	12	8	7	3	3	35	173
	Totals	2921	$293	$584	$1228	$934	$760	$642	$498	$350	$293	$149	$149	$1467	$7347

APPENDIX C—PAROCHIAL REPORT

	Pastors	Pastorates	Churches	PAROCHIAL																											SUNDAY SCHOOLS								
											Losses			Accessions					Membership			Finances															Contributions	
				Churches	Stations	Prayer Meetings	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens	Subs. to "Church Work" and "Zionsbote"	Death	Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Restoration	Communicant	Confirmed	Baptized	Estimated Value of Church Property	Indebtedness	Regular Local Expenses	Unusual Local Expenses	Number of Schools	Standardized Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Teacher-Training Students	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll	For Support of School and Local Objects	For Benevolence
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1				5	3	2	2	16	5				5	35	50	70	$ 6000		$ 620		1		5	60				$ 93	$ 65
2	Vacant	Alpaugh	First	1		1			5		8	9	3			3		32	80	110	6000	$ 675	550		1		18	40			12	164	5
3	J. E. Stermer	Fresno	First	1					6	1							3	31	52	72			291		1		6	58				14	5
4	C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1		1		23		4		11	40		20		14	248	315	750	6800	2300	550	$ 700	1		12	120				54	12
5	F. F. J. Fritzler	Fresno	†Wartburg	1				25	12		1	370	24		17	18	4	210	241	544	7500	1200	750	800	1		6	160				32	10
6	R. W. Mottern	Glendale	*First	1		2		8	4			14	2		4	10	5	45	74	85	7500	3500	850	175	1		15	55		8	10	197	52
7	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1		2		10	10	3	2	13	4	1	6	8	12	121	141	189	12000	550	1470	90	1	1	19	113	16	6	10	134	109
8	W. S. Dysinger	Los Angeles	First	1		3	2	19		4	19	62	21	4	14	38	46	471	751	1057	90000	12500	5373		1		30	271			30	350	266
9	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1		1		6	25	1	9	6	6	2	7	21	1	135	185	255	14500	3500	1842	3	1		15	120		34	25	204	96
10	J. E. Hoick	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1		2	1	5	8		4		3	2	5	5	11	75	88	112	4000		708	168s	1		12	128			35	180	36
11	G. H. Hillerman	Oakland	First	1		2	1	9	25	4	6		11		6	11	6	105	170	213	60000	7100	1450	296	1		12	78				129	66
12	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1		2		6	15		2	1			3	1	3	104	120	144	12000	200	836	100	1		9	59		8		62	76
13	H. J. Mathias	Phoenix	Grace	1									7			8		52	68	98	1500		698		1		8	42		16	13	81	2
14	W. F. Poat	Redlands	First	1		1				1		9	2		1	10		42	72	118	10000		423		1		8	60				83	
15	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1		2		5	8	1	4		16	1	5	1	8	83	115	150	6000		1251		1		17	65		13	14	172	112
16	G. A. Hiden	Rochester	§Evangelical	1	2	1												§	57	130	1500	200	740	75	1		6	48				40	
17	¶Vacant	Sacramento	First	1		1		8	9	1		17	16	2	9		7	90	160	250	25000	2000	1021	254	1		10	88			20	82	25
18	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	*Evangelical	1		1		18	15	8		27	34		16			226	185	668	90000		3076	4400	1		18	160				166	75
19	Vacant	Salinas	Our Savior	1				2				2	3		2			34	58	69	4500	100	314	100	1		2	12				12	17
20	W. J. Dentler	San Bernardino	First	1		1		6	2		10	19	6	1	4	1	1	50	101	181	6000	2295	665	100	1		6	50				50	21
21	E. P. Schueler	San Diego	First	1		2	1		40	3	4		7	1		5	5	119	204	275	20000		1783	155	1		11	67		40		103	81
22	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1				7	3	5		8	6		7			63	117	228	16500		860	300	1		2	28				48	17
23	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1		2		5	7	2	1		5	1	5	1	6	93	175	175	60000	4700	3467	667	1		13	48			22	150	50
24	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1				15	10	2	10	12	18		13	4		150	302	539	42000	6750	2985	450	1		12	78				205	65
25	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	*§St. Mark's	1				28	2	19		8	92	16	12			§	589	1239	180000		2875	440	1		12	126				125	100
26	H. C. Stafford	San Francisco	Temple	1				5	6	1		2	8		38	5	2	52	102	130	6500	1000	470	950	1		10	80			15	45	30
27	Vacant	Sanger	St. Paul's	1				2		1			4		2			60	156	180	2000	500	90	35	1		6	50				4	
28	W. E. Crouser	San Jose	Grace	1		2		14	8	1	2	3	8	3	8	3	2	106	179	216	20000	2000	1448		1		16	110			20	140	53
29	Vacant	Santa Barbara	*Grace	1		2		5	3		8	13	3	1	9	3	2	20	30	50	12000	1350	1364	250	1		3	15		8	3	50	12
30	C. F. W. Stoever	Seattle	St. Paul's	1				10	10				10	2	5	1	24	69	90	220	12500	5500	1268	905	1		13	107				151	27
31	Totals for 1918			30	2	31	5	246	236	64	92	622	364	37	218	157	167	2921	5327	8517	$742300	$57920	$40088	$12833	30	1	332	2496	16	133	229	$3320	$1485
32	Totals for 1917			30	3	38	5	262	266	74	75	333	386	36	209	158	288	2885	5526	8380	741375	64309	38916	19531	29		347	2660	23	180	260	3132	1287
33	Increase										17	289		1	9			36		137	$ 925		$ 1172		1	1						$ 188	$ 198
34	Decrease				1	7		16	30	10			22			1	121		199			$ 6389		$ 6698			15	164	7	47	31		

	Y. P. SOCIETIES				WOM. MISS. SOCIETIES					BRO'HDS.		DUES		BENEVOLENCE														
			Contributions																									
	Number of Societies	Members	For Local Objects	For Benevolence	Number of Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Subscriptions to "Woman's Work"	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects	Number of Brotherhoods	Members	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Woman's Missionary Society	Inner Mission	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	External Objects	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1												$ 5	$10	$51	$16	$13	$11	$ 7			$ 6		$ 5	$ 3	$ 3	$ 76	$ 206	$ 826
2	1	18	$12	$30	1	19			$ 40			3	9	53		4		7	$30						24	82	212	762
3	1	15	1		1	14			13			3	6	20				5									34	325
4	1	23	5	5	1	30			45			5	7	72	24	6	6	4			3		3	3	3	18	154	1404
5	1	24	27	12	1	21			140	1	12	8	20	60	10	10		11			6			5	5		135	1685
6	1	25	30	7	1	8		6	31	1	10	4	8	39	13	10	9	6	31	$45	5		4	2	2		178	1203
7	1	18	5	5	2	40		19	320			11	22	118	77	29	25	22	98		13	$10	11	7	7	236	686	2246
8	1	17			4	154	26	53	537			45	92	417	145	118	100	68	290		55	24	45	23	23	1225	2670	8043
9	2	37	13	30	1	34		21	319			12	24	120	38	31	26	18	95		14		12	6	25	171	592	2437
10	1	15	5		1	22	1	17	46			6	13	69	20	16	14	10	32	9	8		6	3	3	25	234	2630
11	1	25	28	25	1	17	5	14	124	1	12	10	20	102	32	26	22	15	124		12		10	5	5	280	663	2409
12	1	25	28	76	2	34	2	25	70	1	15	10	20	92	32	26	22	15	70		12		10	5	5	92	411	1347
13												4	9	40	14	12	10	7			5		4	2	2	2	111	809
14					1	15	2		75			6	12	38				9	66							12	143	566
15	1	12	13	43	1	19	5	24	90			9	17	90	28	22	20	13	90		10		9	4	10	311	633	1884
16																												815
17	1	14			2	27	3	5	61	1	12	2	16	18			9	12	40							70	167	1442
18	1	43	65	45	1	60	20	15	166			24	50	117	45	35	26	20	166		5		5	5	5	1224	1726	9203
19												4	7	39		10		6					4			6	76	490
20	1	20		12	1	5		13	31			7	14	47	15	14	11	11	31		5		4	2	4		165	930
21	1	18	10	42	1	32		27	100			12	28	105	62	30	35	30	100		14		17	6	11	319	769	2707
22					1			5	54			3	7	7				3	28							94	142	1302
23	1	15	42		1	17		22	117			6	2	46	33	26	18	10	117		5		5			10	278	4412
24	2	65	210	85	1	32		2	60			10	25	91	5	41	8	4	35				1	1	1	135	357	3792
25	1	35	59	75	1	120	3		650																	825	825	3781
26	1	20	2									4	8	47	13	10	9	6			5	5	4	2	2	32	147	1567
27												2	1	6	1	1					1		1		1		14	139
28	1	20	18		1	14	1	9	91			10	19	14				14	91	10	12					490	660	2108
29	1	12	15		1	6		6	15			3	7	45	10	9	7	5	10		4		3	2	2	30	137	1751
30	1	40										4	7	34	12	18	8	6			4		4			50	147	2320
31	25	556	$588	$492	29	740	68	283	$3195	5	61	$232	$480	$1997	$645	$517	$396	$344	$1544	$ 64	$204	$ 39	$167	$ 86	$143	‡$5815	$12672	$65335
32	29	577	687	282	30	764	64	256	3718	6	82	166	449	1536	786	510	335	252	1359	34	177	15	148	78	84	2460	8391	66838
33				$210			4	27				$ 66	$ 31	$461		$ 7	$61	$92	$185	$ 30	$ 27	$ 24	$ 19	$ 8	$ 59	$ 3355	$ 4281	
34	4	21	$ 99		1	24			$ 523	1	21				$141													$ 1503

‡ See additional resolution No. 9 (1) page 32.

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NEXT CONVENTION

Place—First Church, Oakland. Time—Sept. 16-17, 1919.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PASADENA

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 1918

FIRST SESSION

September 10, 1918.

The members of Convention participated in the Synodical Communion Service at 10 A. M.

The Convention was called to order at 11:40. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Wm. H. Diehl of Los Angeles; Scripture lesson, Romans 12.

Mrs. D. J. Snyder, President, declared the Convention formally opened.

Credentials were received as follows:

Sacramento, Evangelical	Mrs. C. F. Oehler
Long Beach	Mrs. Agnes King
San Bernardino	Mrs. W. J. Dentler
Pasadena	Mrs. Spindt
Riverside	Mrs. J. F. Reimer
Glendale	Mrs. S. A. Imler
Los Angeles First Church	Mrs. W. S. Dysinger
Los Angeles First Church	Mrs. M. S. Bentz
Los Angeles First Church Young Women	Miss Freda Schlemer, a.e.
Los Angeles St. Mark's	Mrs. J. A. Flickinger
Los Angeles St. Paul's	Mrs. J. E. Hoick
Los Angeles St. Paul's	Mrs. J. M. Peters
Oakland	Miss Rosa Flathman, a
San Diego	Mrs. Dora Rinde
Redlands	Mrs. A. H. Stein
Redlands	Miss Crotzer
Fresno English	Mrs. M. F. Burleigh, a.e.

San Francisco, Temple Church .....Mrs. H. C. Stafford
San Francisco, First Church .....Mrs. J. R. Braeuer, a.e.
San Francisco, First Church .....Mrs. N. N. Fritz, a.e.

Additional Officers and Pastors Wives

Long Beach .....Mrs. D. J. Snyder
Pasadena .....Mrs. Kinser
Riverside .....Mrs. H. J. Weaver
Los Angeles, St. Mark's .....Mrs. J. W. Ball
Los Angeles .....Mrs. J. H. Harpster

Upon motion, Life Members, Presidents of Societies and pastors' wives were made members of the Convention.

Address of Welcome, Mrs. W. G. Maverden; response, Mrs. H. J. Weaver.

Letters of greeting were received and read from Mrs. J. G. Traver, President of General Society; Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Past President; Miss Ella B. Schuff, Missionary from India, and Mrs. Braeuer, San Francisco.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Through the Providence of Almighty God we are once more gathered in annual convention. Another year has rolled by and passed with others into the great sea of eternity. The work of last year has been done and its history recorded. How terrible throughout the world has been the record of the last few months. Through it all, however, have we not been drawn closer to God? Our trust in Him has been deepened and He gives us faith to believe that in His own good time out of all this suffering, turmoil and trouble He will bring a people better prepared to serve Him. And so it is with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father, "Who doeth all things well," that we have assembled from the various parts of our State to recount each step of last year's journey—to profit by the mistakes and to be encouraged by the successes therein.

If there is one thing more than another which has impressed me in our work together, it is this—the importance of each individual's service. Whenever any of you have been called upon to do some special work you have responded. If in our reports we find reason for encouragement, and we shall, it will not be because a few have done the work but because each one has done her part.

The facts and figures of our work will be received in the reports of the respective Officers and Department Secretaries. Permit me, however, to call your attention to some special points to be emphasized.

Our Foreign Work

The work in our foreign fields has been greatly handicapped the last few years because of the war. It behooves us to pray more and to give more that this part of our work may not be retarded because we have failed in any particular.

Our Synodical Work

Regular Contributions.—Never before have there been so many demands for money made upon the people, but with it all our contributions have steadily increased, and for this the auxiliaries should be commended. In her June report our Synodical Treasurer writes: "We are less than one hundred dollars behind the full year's work of last year and two hundred dollars ahead for the three quarters."

Fortieth Anniversary Fund.—California has not given its full quota toward this important object. Auxiliaries should bear in mind that there is but a short time in which to contribute to this fund. If our pro rata share of $621.72 is raised each member must contribute ninety-six cents between now and the Biennial Convention.

Special Offering in July.—Each auxiliary has been asked to contribute five cents per member that the names of our African missionaries may be placed in the Anniversary Chest at the Canton Convention. July was the month set aside for this offering. Delegates should ascertain if their societies have made this remittance and if not it should be attended to at once, as all money for this purpose is to be in the hands of the General Treasurer by the first of December.

More Names for the Chest.—At its June meeting the General Executive Committee decided that if the offerings of any auxiliary society reach the amount of $50.00 during a single quarter it will have the privilege of sending a name to the General Treasurer to be placed in the chest.

New Plan of Study.—Only one text-book, "The Path of Labor," will be used in the monthly meetings this coming year. Societies are urged to form Mission Study Classes for the study of the foreign book.

Honor Roll.—Through the use of the Honor Roll which was recommended by last year's president, Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, our membership has been increased, the circulation of our magazine enlarged and our contributions much more regularly made. The Roll will be on exhibition at this Convention.

Mission Bands.—We rejoice to report the organization of two Mission Bands—one in Temple Church, San Francisco, and one in

the First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this department of our work

Visitors.—It was a great pleasure to have with us a few months ago one of our India missionaries, Miss Jessie Brewer. It will be an inspiration to have present at this Convention others from the same field, Rev. and Mrs. M. Edwin Thomas and also Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

Program Committee.—The Program Committee, composed of Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. J. W. Ball and Mrs. W. G. Meverden, deserves special commendation in this report for its labor in preparing the program for this Convention.

The following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. That a deeper interest be manifested in the Fortieth Anniversary Fund during the remaining months of this biennium.
2. That our Fortieth Anniversary be celebrated in some special way at our next convention.
3. That the printed minutes be condensed.

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson recently said, in speaking of the war, "The world has had three historic scourges, famine, pestilence and war. Each one numbers its victims by the tens of millions. Commerce killed famine. Science killed pestilence. What will kill War? Not commerce and not science, nor both of them together. Only religion can kill war." The religion of Jesus Christ.

The challenge then to us as Christians is a deeper interest in the spreading of the religion of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Let us lay ourselves more fully upon the altar of sacrifice and with renewed earnestness take hold of the work which lies all about us and do it with all our might, remembering that "the night cometh in which no man can work."

With sincere recognition of the co-operation of the officers and members of the Synodical Society during the past year, this report is submitted.

Very respectfully, LEONA H. SNYDER.

Mrs. Stafford reported for Northern and Mrs. W. J. Dentler for Southern Conference.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Number of Women's Societies	18
Number of Young People's Societies	1
Number of Children's Bands	2
Total number of Societies	21
Grand total of Members	507
Total Active Members	424

Total Honorary Members	61
Total Cradle Roll Members	22
Total Life Members	79
Total Memorial Members	3
Total Home Department Members	3
Total Members in Woman's Societies	485
Total Members Young People's Societies	14
Total Members in Children's Bands	8
Total Number of Mission Study Classes	1
Total Number Lutheran Woman's Work	321
Total Number Lutheran Boys and Girls	132

Respectfully submitted, KATE J. STUBER.

Historian's Report

Our Life Membership Roll has been increased this year by the addition of eight names:

1917

Rev. J. W. Ball (Honorary), St. Mark's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. J. W. Ball, St. Mark's, Los Angeles.

1918

Frances E. Robinson, Oakland.
Jennie M. Wood, Oakland.
Mrs. C. Albright, First Church, Los Angeles.
Mrs. H. C. Hacke, Oakland.
Mrs. Nellie Crowhurst, Oakland.
Mrs. Phoebe J. Mays, First Church, Los Angeles.

Summary

Number of Life Members enrolled	73
Honorary Life Members	14
Number that have died	7
Total at present	80
Memorial Member	1

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. E. HOICK.

Report of Thank Offering Secretary for 1917

The amount of Thank Offering for 1917 was $466.00, being an increase of $73.00 over the previous year.

Only two societies in the State failed to remit a Thank Offering this year, fourteen made a substantial increase and all reports were received promptly in December. The societies deserve great credit for their promptness, as well as for the increased offering.

Attention of societies is directed to the following matters, which must be reported to your Thank Offering Secretary by December 20, 1918:

Name and address of Auxiliary Thank Offering Secretary.

Amount of Thank Offering for 1918.

Did you have a public meeting?

Delegates are urged to take note of above, and if your Society has no T. O. Secretary, please have the Secretary act. Only by hearty co-operation will the Synodical T. O. Secretary be able to report promptly to the General Secretary.

Let us all labor and pray for an increased offering in December, 1918.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

Home Department Secretary Mrs. Kinser presented a verbal report.

Committees

President's Report—Mrs. H. J. Weaver, Mrs. J. A. Flickinger.

Corresponding Secretary Report—Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. J. M. Peters.

Historian's Report—Mrs. A. H. Stein, Mrs. Agnes King.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Dora Rinde, Mrs. S. A. Imler.

Department Secretary's Reports—Mrs. Oehler, Mrs. Spindt.

Resolutions—Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Reimer.

Reporters—Woman's Work, Mrs. Hoick; Lutheran Church Work and Observer, Mrs. Kinser.

Adjourned with prayer and missionary benediction.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Miss Elsie Carlson, Pasadena.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Fraternal greetings were conveyed by Dr. H. J. Weaver, President of Synod.

Reports of Department Secretaries resumed.

Annunity—Mrs. J. H. Harpster, verbal.

Literature Committee—No report.

Symposium—"Missionary Warfare."

"The Enlistment"—Mrs. H. C. Stafford.

"The Training Camps"—Mrs. D. L. Kinser.

"The Officers"—Mrs. R. W. Mottern.

"The Firing Line"—Miss Jane J. Paulson.

Singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Solo by Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

"Africa as it impresses one of our new missionaries," Mrs. W. S. Dysinger.

"India Yesterday," Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

Solo—Miss Irene Lieberg.

The offering amounted to $6.51.

Session closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. A. H. Stein, Redlands. Scripture lesson, 1st Corinthians 12.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sent to Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	$379.00	
Thank Offering	466.00	
Christmas Offering	36.00	
Life Membership	80.00	
India Bed Fund	54.00	
May Memorial Fund	32.00	
Girl's School, Africa	25.00	
Girl's School, India	27.00	
Native Worker, India	25.00	
40th Anniversary Chest	89.00	
		$1,213.00
Dr. L. B. Wolf, General Secretary, Gossner Mission		1.50
Seminary Fund		128.96
Interest on Seminary Fund		5.15

SYNODICAL EXPENSES

President, Postage	$5.00	
President, Programs	2.00	
Corresponding Secretary, Postage	2.50	
Literature Secretary	5.95	
Treasurer	5.00	
Mrs. Harpster, Traveling Expenses and Slides	19.00	
Treasurer California Synod, Printing Minutes 1916	45.00	
~~Printing Minutes 1916~~	~~45.00~~	
Synodical Stationery	6.75	
Miss Elizabeth Stephens, Treasurer So. Summer School of Missions	14.46	
		105.66
Balance		11.12
		$1,465.39

Riverside, Calif., Aug. 29, 1918.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have carefully checked the books of the Treasurer with her reports and find they agree.

W. E. WEAVER,
WM. SAMUELSON.

(See also Appendix.)

Approved as audited.

Report of Fortieth Anniversary Chest was given by Mrs. H. J. Weaver. Report showed $450.44 yet to be raised by this synodical society.

Reports were received from auxiliaries as follows:

Sacramento, Evangelical; Long Beach; San Bernardino; Pasadent; Riverside; Los Angeles First Church; Los Angeles Young Women, First Church; Los Angeles, St. Mark's; Los Angeles, St. Paul's; San Diego; Glendale; Redlands; Oakland.

"Our Funds" was presented by Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

General discussion led by Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, "Best Methods in Auxiliary Work."

(a) Preparing Program.
(b) Using Literature.
(c) Securing Good Attendance.
(d) Increasing Membership.

Miss Anna Leidig, who has served some years as Annuity Secretary in Kansas Society, gave some excellent information on the subject.

Upon motion a committee of five was appointed as a nominating committee for officers for the coming year.

Upon motion Mrs. Harpster was nominated as delegate to the biennial convention at Canton, O., and the Secretary was instructed to so cast the vote.

Mrs. Snyder was elected alternate.

Honor Roll, 1917-1918

Long Beach	Riverside
Los Angeles, First Church	Sacramento, English
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	Sacramento, Evangelical
Oakland	San Diego

Honorable Mention

Glendale (No Christmas Offering)
Pasadena (No Christmas Offering)
San Jose (No Christmas Offering)

These societies are entitled to positions on Honor Roll, so far as finances are concerned. MRS. J. F. REIMER, Treasurer.

Upon motion the delegate to General Convention was instructed to ask that body to make a ruling whereby members who do not contribute may be automatically dropped from the rolls of auxiliary societies.

A letter from General Treasurer Miss Margaret Miller was read by the Secretary.

Upon motion the following bills were allowed:

Mrs. D. J. Snyder	$11.10
Mrs. J. W. Ball (2 years)	2.60
Mrs. J. F. Reimer	5.00
Miss Kate Stuber	3.00
Miss Rosa Flathman	4.50
Mrs. Stafford	.35
Total	$26.55

Nominating Committee

Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Mrs. J. A. Flickinger, Mrs. Dora Rinde, Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, Mrs. J. M. Peters.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 2 p. m.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Rinde. Scripture lesson, St. John 4.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

"Gleanings from the Summer School of Missions," Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

Mrs. Thomas gave the history of Miss Paru, a native missionary worker of India.

Solo—Mrs. H. R. Mac Lafferty.

Symposium—"Why Every Christian Woman Should Belong to the Missionary Society."

(a) What it means to the Individual—Mrs. E. C. Bentz.
(b) How it aids the Pastor—Mrs. J. A. Flickinger.
(c) How it meets the need of the Church—Mrs. J. M. Peters.
(d) How it furthers the cause of Christ—Mrs. J. W. Ball.

Rev. M. E. Thomas, Missionary to India, gave a very brief talk.

Mission Study Book—"The Path of Labor" was presented briefly by Mrs. W. J. Dentler.

Offering amounted to $6.65.

Committee on President's Report

Your committee begs to report that we listened to the excellent report of our beloved president with earnestness and pleasure, feeling that adherence to the subject matter therein would be very helpful to all in their respective societies.

Especially do we call attention to recommendations:

1. That a deepeer interest be manifested in the Fortieth Anniversary Fund during the remaining months of the bi-ennium.

2. That our Fortieth Anniversary be celebrated in some special way at our next Convention.

We not only commend this report, but we wish to express appreciation of our President's consecrated and cheerful services throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, MARTHA C. WEAVER,
MRS. J. A. FLICKINGER.

Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's report, reports the evidence of most faithful and efficient work on the part of the Corresponding Secretary in keeping the records of the societies.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. C. BENTZ,
MRS. J. M. PETERS.

Committee on Historian's Report

Having examined the interesting report of the Synodical Historian, we note that eight life members have been secured during the year, four of this number from Oakland. Your committee wishes to recommend for your consideration that the Historian be supplied with binders for the Women's Magazine on file, also a subscription to the Women's Work from year to year for the Historian's chest.

Your committee would recommend a Historian for every Missionary Society, whose duty would be to send a report to the Synodical Historian.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. AGNES KING,
MRS. A. H. STEIN.

Committee on Letters and Papers

Your committee have examined such as have been submitted to them and report the following:

The letter from General President Mrs. J. G. Traver draws attention to an article or plea in Lutheran Church Work of August 1, page 16. We recommend that each one acquaint herself with subject matter of that appeal.

The communication from Mrs. Hillerman, our former president, was very much appreciated, especially the wish that we might "take courage and press on with renewed diligence, determined that our beloved Missionary Society shall accomplish even greater work for the Master the coming year."

Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer, sent greetings and called especial attention to the 40th Anniversary Chest. Her letter and request created much interest that we hope will meet with great results.

Greetings were also read from Miss Flathman and her suggestions were called to the attention of the delegates.

Respectfully submitted, DORA RINDE,
MRS. J. H. HARPSTER.

Department Secretaries

The increase in the Thank Offering Department is very encouraging and we earnestly recommend every home to have a Thank Offering box for daily blessings received.

May the Annuity Department also rapidly increase.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. OEHLER,
MRS. SPINDT.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Your committee submits the following:

Resolved, That this Convention extends sincere thanks to the pastor and people of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the members of the United Presbyterian Church for the use of their building.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas for their interesting and instructive illustrated address on "Our Missionary Work in India."

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Mrs. W. S. Dysinger and Mrs. J. H. Harpster for their interesting facts given on our work in Africa and India.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the ladies who contributed vocal solos for the pleasure of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. C. STAFFORD,
MRS. J. F. REIMER.

Report of Nominating Committee (see page 38).

Secretary instructed to cast vote for these names.

Mrs. W. J. Dentler resigned as Southern Vice-President, and Mrs. W. S. Dysinger was elected to the office. Minutes approved.

Adjourned with prayer and missionary benediction.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Vesper service in charge of Rev. W. H. Derr.

Two musical numbers were rendered by the choir.

Mrs. J. H. Harpster introduced Rev. and Mrs. Thomas, missionaries returning to India.

Mrs. Thomas gave a brief talk on "The Convention from the point of view of an Indian woman."

Rev. Thomas delivered a lecture on "Our Missionary Work in India," showing many beautiful pictures of the country in general and our workers and buildings in particular.

An offering for synodical Fortieth Anniversary Chest, $25.00.

Minutes approved.

Following the hymn and benediction the President declared the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention closed.

MRS. J. W. BALL, Secretary.

Names of Societies	General Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Membership	India Bed Fund	Gossner Mission	May Memorial Fund	Girls' School, Africa	Girls' School, India	Native Workers in India	Fortieth Anniversary Chest	So. School of Missions	Synodical Fee	Total
Balance September 20, 1917													$ 72 87	$ 72 87
Offering at Convention October 16th, 17th													19 11	19 11
Offering at Northern Convention													7 00	7 00
Offering at Southern Convention, Contributions of Auxiliary Societies												$ 14 46		14 46
Seminary Fund													128 96	128 96
Alpaugh	$ 2 00												50	2 50
Glendale	8 00	$ 13 00			$ 2 00		$ 1 00				$ 4 00		50	28 50
Glendale Helpers' Circle	3 00													3 00
Long Beach	20 00	40 00	$ 1 00		4 00		2 00				22 00			89 00
Los Angeles, First Church	42 00	70 00	7 00	$20 00	6 00		3 00				16 00			164 00
Los Angeles, A. F. C. M. B.	34 00	14 00							$ 2 00					50 00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	27 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	4 00	$ 1 50	3 00				4 00			79 50
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	15 00	9 00			2 00		1 00							27 00
Oakland	18 00	30 00	2 00	40 00	2 00		1 00				6 00			99 00
Oakland, C. E.								$ 25 00						25 00
Pasadena	26 00	10 00			5 00		3 00				3 00			47 00
Redlands	20 00	20 00					2 00				6 00		2 00	50 00
Riverside	19 00	55 00	5 00		4 00		2 00				5 00			90 00
Sacramento, English	9 00	14 00	1 00		1 00		1 00				2 00			28 00
Sacramento, English, Girls' M. B.	3 00													3 00
Sacramento, Evangelical	58 00	20 00	10 00		12 00		6 00			$ 25 00	3 00			134 00
San Bernardino	5 00	27 00	1 00											33 00
San Bernardino, Children's M. B.	2 00													2 00
San Diego	19 00	58 00	4 00		3 00		3 00				4 00			91 00
San Francisco, First English	12 00	17 00			2 00				25 00		5 00			61 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	15 00				5 00		2 00						25	22 25
San Jose	14 00	50 00			2 00		2 00				8 00			76 00
Santa Barbara	8 00	4 00									1 00			13 00
Interest on Deposit													5 24	5 24
Amount Received	$ 379 00	$ 466 00	$ 36 00	$80 00	$54 00	$ 1 50	$32 00	$25 00	$27 00	$25 00	$89 00	$14 46	$236 43	$1465 39
Amount Remitted	379 00	466 00	36 00	80 00	54 00	1 50	32 00	25 00	27 00	25 00	89 00	14 46		1228 96
Amount in Treasury													$236 43	$ 236 43

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. REIMER, Treasurer.

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Number.	Place.	Date.	President	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Pastors Enrolled.	Churches Enrolled.
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	30
28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. B. [illegible], Ph. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Clerical—Revs. R. W. Mottern, J. W. Ball, Ph. D., and W. E. Crouser, D. D.

Lay—Mr. C. B. Runkle, 2982 W. Pico St., Los Angeles; Mr. R. A. Kuner, 581 Dolores St., S. F.; Mr. J. F. Reimer, 500 14th St., Riverside.

Delegate to Federation of Lutheran Synod

Rev. W. E. Crouser, D. D.

Synodical Sunday School Secretary

Rev. E. A. Trabert

Boys' Work Secretary

Mr. John S. Gutleben, 1917 Stanford St., Alameda, Cal.

Necrologist

Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Inner Missions

Rev. H. Gehrcke, Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.; Mr. F. C. Noel.

Pastors' Fund

Rev. R. W. Mottern, Rev. W. H. Derr, Mr. Jas. Popert.

Reference and Council

Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.; Rev. W. S. Dysinger, D. D.; Rev. W. J. Dentler.

Reporters of 1920 Convention

Daily Press—Rev. E. P. Schueler. D. D.; Rev. J. E. Hoick.
The Lutheran—Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.; Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.

PROGRAM OF SYNOD

Tuesday, September 15, 1920, 10 A. M.

Holy Communion.

Sermon—"The Enduring Certainties of the Christian Faith." Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D., (Rev W. H. Derr).

Tuesday Evening

"The Life of Faith in Terms of Service." Rev. C. W. F. Stoever, (Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.).

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Augsburg Confession, Article XIX, "The Cause of Sin." Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D., (Rev. H. Gehrcke).

Wednesday Evening

Woman's Missionary Society Program.

Homilist—Rev. J. E. Stermer, (Rev. H. S. Feix).

Liturgist—Rev. H. C. Funk, (Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.)

NEXT CONVENTION

Time—September 15-17, 1920.
Place—First Church, San Diego, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN

THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,

OAKLAND, CAL., September 16-18, 1919

REV. G. H. HILLERMAN, D.D., Pastor

(All reports herein were adopted by Synod; itemized reports adopted seriatim.)

(All business arranged by Committee on Reference and Council.)

FIRST SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1919, 10 A. M.

Synod opened with the Communion Service. Sermon by the President on the theme, "Making the Most of Our Ministry." Text, 2 Tim. 1:13-14.

Roll call. (See next two pages.)

Temple Church, San Francisco, was granted, by motion, the enrollment of a primarius delegate, with two alternates, each privileged, on a different day, to take the full place of the primarius, during his absence.

The report of Committee on Reference and Council received, amended and adopted, fixing hours of opening at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and giving thirty minutes for the morning devotions and one hour for the doctrinal paper on Wednesday.

SYNODICAL ROLL

(See Apportionment Table for names and locations of Churches)

Number.	Clerical Roll.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod	Address of Ministers.	Lay Delegates.	Address of Laymen.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D.D.	1879	1891	Montara		
2	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1892	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	R. A. Kuner (*e*)	581 Dolores St., San Francisco
3	Charles F. Oehler, D.D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	James Popert (*p*)	2030½ H St., Sacramento
4	Lewis C. Routzahn	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande		
5	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.	C. Bill (*a*)	840 Lombard St., San Francisco
6	William Brandes	1889	1896	Alameda, 2615 Santa Clara Ave.		
7	George H. Hillerman	1896	1896	Oakland, 472 Jean St.	J. C. Frohliger (*e*)	3763 Ruby St., Oakland
8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	Los Angeles, 415 S. Evergreen Ave.	C. B. Durst (*p*)	613 Prospect Place, Los Angeles
9	Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	1894	1900	Riverside, 258 Main St.	Fred Baars (*a*)	750 W. 7th St., Riverside
10	William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	San Jose, 215 Delmas Ave.	George Kohl (*e*)	24 Coe Ave., San Jose
11	Oscar H. Gruver, D.D.	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont Ave.	H. C. Haacke (*a*)	1424 Morton St., Alameda
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.		
13	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2271 Courtland Ave.		
14	Jens C. Pedersen	1881	1906	Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I., U. S. A.		
15	Wm. J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno, 735 E St.		
16	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Orland		
17	William R. Swickard	1893	1908	Los Angeles, 900 W. Jefferson St.		
18	Jesse W. Ball, Ph.D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	F. C. Noel (*p*)	912 W. 57th St., Los Angeles
19	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 730 E. 9th St.	N. C. Christiansen (*p*)	739 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach
20	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Glendale, 403½ Brand Blvd.		
21	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale, 111 E. Harvard St.	F. C. Hoffman (*a*)	1119 E. Wilson St., Glendale
22	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	San Francisco, 1007 Haight St.		
23	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Pasadena, 396 Galena Ave.		
24	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 518 Herkimer St.	George Huler (*a*)	1675 W. Marengo Ave., Pasadena
25	John R. Braeuer, PhD.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 1355 Geary St.	N. N. Fritz (*p*)	710 Bank of Italy Bldg., S. F.
26	William C. Eckhart	1891	1912	El Centro		
27	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 832 Alvarado St.		
28	August Bahr	1899	1913	Kerman, R. R. "A." Box 20		
29	~~Silas W. Young~~ John K. Reed	1890	1913	Phoenix, Ariz., 1017 Roosevelt St.		
30	~~John K. Reed~~ Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San Jose, 215 Delmas Ave.		
31	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.	H. P. Steitz (*a*)	2152 Lilly St., Fresno

32	Howard C. Stafford	1909	1913	Santa Barbara, 329 E. Anapamu St.	Charles Beirs (*a*)	504 4th Ave., Santa Barbara
33	Emil G. Lund, D.D.	1881	1913	Santa Cruz		
34	Elmer H. Combs	1900	1914	Hanford, 1500 N. Redington St.		
35	Ernst G. Junghans	1897	1915	El Cajon, R. R. 1		
36	Joseph E. Stermer	1914	1915	Fresno, 928 Echo Ave.	T. M. Howard (*a*)	1231 I St., Fresno
37	William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	Los Angeles, 1419 Sixth Ave.	C. B. Runkle (*p*)	2982 W. Pico St., Los Angeles
38	William J. Dentler	1914	1916	San Bernardino, 550 6th St.	R. S. Cunning (*a*)	752 F St., San Bernardino
39	F. Felician C. J. Fritzler	1915	1916	Fresno, 738 A St.	Philip Dauer (*a*)	Box 188, R.R. "K," Fresno
40	Henry J. Mathias	1898	1917	Ft. Bliss, Texas, Box 351		
41	Edward P. Schueler, D.D.	1897	1918	San Diego, 3230 Grim St.	Dr. T. H. Dewitz (*a*)	3754 Curlew St., San Diego
42	Earnest A. Trabert †	1898	1919	Berkeley, 2804 Webster St.	C. L. Trabert, Esq. (*e*)	2736 Elmwood Ave., Berkeley
43	Emil Meyer ¶	1900	1919	San Francisco, 1363 Palm Ave.	Wm. Tienken (*e*)	1582 Underwood Ave., S. F.
44	Harvey M. Leech ¶	1894	1919	Berkeley, 2501 Webster St.		
45	George W. Snyder §	1872	1919	Los Angeles, 1631 Maltman Ave.		
46	Henry Wiemken ‖	1901	1919	Sanger, Box 104	Carl Winter	Sanger
47	Vacant, Alpaugh				W. N. Billing* (*a*)	Alpaugh
48	Vacant, Phoenix, Ariz.				J. F. Westberg (*a*)	R. R. No. 5. Phoenix, Ariz.
49	Vacant, Redlands				A. Cornelius (*a*)	E. Highlands, Cal.
50	Vacant, Sacramento, First			G. A. Kindblom	~~Myron Hestorf~~* (*a*)	1114 4th St., Sacramento
51	Vacant, Salinas			Myron Hestorf *	~~G. A. Kindblom~~ (*a*)	Salinas
52	Vacant, San Jose, Bethel				No delegate	

For Absentees and Excuses see page 27

† Received from District Synod of Ohio.
¶ Received from Pacific Synod.
§ Received from Nebraska Synod.
‖ Received from Synodical Conference on his personal application.

* Names entered by Secretary, without credentials.
(*p*) Present during entire convention.
(*a*) Absent during entire convention.
(*e*) Present during portion of convention.

Hours of sessions: 9:00 a. m. to noon; 2 to 5:30 p. m.

Advisory Members: Revs. C. O. Lundquist, J. H. Berg, P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., and J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.

Bar of Synod: First six rows of pews.

ERRATA—Interchange names:—
"Silas W. Young" and "John K. Reed," "Myron Hestorf" and "G. A. Kindblom."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Esteemed Brethren:

Our convention synchronizes with the ascendency of propitious stars, discernable again as the storms of war abate. Amid the transmutation of empires and tremors of the social order, the golden candlestick with the fire of divine truth stood firm in the temple of the living God. The lights of Nature, lurid with hate and passion, being about snuffed out in their sockets for lack of the unfailing oil, the gospel of the cross once more proved to be the star of destiny pointing to the better day.

Hence the foregleams of a new era tint the East. The human element seems to heave under the pressure of invisible powers. Giants strain at the dykes. How small the focus in which we see our big world! Paradoxes, weaving a net around us everywhere, point to the foregathering of unchained impulses, clamoring for leadership, for creative application.

The reveille has been sounded in the church. The Orient, seat of light and mystery in ancient times, summons back the Magi. The patriarchal church of Eastern Europe and Asia sees a new vision for reconstructive habilitation in her vast and varied domains. Can America escape the cosmic impact?

For the first time, Synod functions as an organ of the United Lutheran Church. Divine mind shapes all things. By concord of prayer, year by year, as the tide surges upon our coast, dividing walls were made to crumble; spirit brooding over the friction of synodical self-interests finally congealed the present terra firma. Behold the length and breadth thereof: from Bunker Hill to Monterey and from the cool springs of the Mississippi to the delta: one church—a horizon coextensive with the nation. And lest we forget that a faith adapted to all tongues, nations, races, carries with it the oecumenical prerogative of transcending them all, God evoked, through martial contact, a feeling of kinship with our brethren abroad. Terms of nationality enlarged to a consciousness of Lutheran universality.

"Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation." Let the Synod of California fulfill her mission in the program of the whole! We will preach the whole counsel of God: Master builders of Christian congregations will we be. With the norm of truth, defined in doctrinal rectitude, we will square our practice as churchmen. When all values of our heritage are weighed by effort and tested by time, it will be evident in the sight of all that through the imperishable norm of faith demonstrated in practice our church will realize her unity, universality and eternity.

Expressing to you my sincere gratitude for your kind and unvarying co-operation during the year of my service now ending, I now submit the record of official acts:

Transfers

Pastors:

The Rev. E. F. A. Hantel of Seattle, Wash., to the Pacific Synod, May 19, 1919.

The Rev. Gustaf A. Hiden of Rochester, Wash., to the Pacific Synod, May 27, 1919.

The Rev. W. F. Poat, LL.D., of Redlands, Cal., to the Synod of Northern Illinois, June 8, 1919.

The Rev. C. F. W. Stoever of Seattle, Wash., to the Pacific Synod, June 21, 1919.

Reception of these brethren in their respective synods was officially acknowledged.

Congregations:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Seattle, Wash., the Rev. C. F. W. Stoever pastor, was granted a letter of transfer to the Pacific Synod, June 12, 1919, and was received at the recent session of synod.

Applications

Pastors:

1. The Rev. H. Wiemken, having resigned the pastorate of the German Lutheran Church in Lodi, Cal., to follow the call of the German Lutheran Church in Sanger, solicits membership in our synod by personal application.

2. The Rev. E. A. Trabert, formerly connected with the Ev. Luth. District Synod of Ohio and now presiding over St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Berkeley, Cal., presents a letter of honorable dismissal from his former synod.

3. The Rev. Emil Meyer, formerly connected with the Pacific Synod and now presiding over Temple Congregation, San Francisco, presents a letter of honorable dismissal from his former synod.

4. The Rev. Harvey M. Leech, camp pastor under the National Lutheran Commission for the Bay Cities, presents a letter of honorable dismissal from the Pacific Synod.

5. The Rev. G. W. Snyder, formerly connected with the Synod of Nebraska and now residing in Los Angeles, Cal., presents a letter of honorable dismissal from his former synod.

6. The Rev. Aug. Boether, a member of the Evangelical Communion, seeks membership in the Lutheran Church and requests to be admitted by synod through a colloquium.

Congregations:

Bethel German Lutheran Church of San Jose, Cal., which is being served in the English language by the Dr. W. E. Crouser, of San Jose, solicits membership in this synod by letter of honorable dismissal from the Pacific Synod. This congregation is the pioneer church in California of the former General Council.

St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Berkeley, Cal., the Rev. E. A. Trabert pastor, solicits membership in this synod by letter of honorable dismissal from the Pacific Synod.

Resignations

1. Rev. H. C. Stafford, first regular pastor of the Lutheran Temple Congregation, San Francisco, resigned as pastor to accept the call extended by Grace Church of Santa Barbara.

2. The Rev. Emil Meyer after 17 years of service in Bethel Congregation, resigned January 1, 1919, to accept a call extended by Temple Congregation of San Francisco.

3. The Rev. H. J. Mathias, being on leave of absence in army and war work, resigned as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Phoenix, Arizona, April 20, 1919. The Rev. John K. Reed, the first pastor of this church, continues as supply pastor by special request of the congregation.

Installation

Upon request of the Rev. E. A. Trabert, your officer ordered installation in St. Michaels' Church, Berkeley, which was solemnly conducted by the Rev. H. C. Funk, giving the charge to the pastor, and Dr. O. H. Gruver, giving the charge to the congregation, August 10, 1919.

Visitation

Upon request of the council of the First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Cal., your officer visited and held service in this church August 24, 1919. A most appreciative hearing was given by the congregation. As the Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, D.D., Sc.D., who has supplied the pulpit during the vacancy, found it impossible to continue his service because of time and distance, the congregation invited the Rev. R. Arps, formerly in charge of General Council missions in India, to continue the work. Dr. Hoskinson preached his farewell sermon September 7, it being the congregation he had formerly served for 21 years and led from missionary to the self-sustaining status.

Special Events

1. Trinity Lutheran Church of Riverside, the Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., pastor, observed the 25th anniversary of its existence January 7 and 9 with appropriate services and social rejoicing in retrospect of noble service by pastors and members and especially the present bright prospects of this work.

2. The First Lutheran Church of San Diego, under the leadership of its pastor, Dr. E. P. Schueler, undertook extensive improvements on its property. For exterior work there was expended $500; for the installing of electric light $325; for interior renovation $775; and for a new pipe organ $2600; making a total of $4200, all obligations being about canceled at this time.

3. Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona, the Rev. John K. Reed, acting pastor, met for the first time Easter Sunday in their new house of worship, reserving formal dedication until the day when the entire indebtedness shall have been paid. The auditorium, 27x40, affords seating capacity for 150 persons and provides, besides, accommodations for primary and social rooms. Out of the total cost of $3000 the congregation raised on subscriptions among themselves $1550, which fact will ever redound to the self-respect of this congregation. Through the efforts of Dr. Hillerman and a few of the congregations a reading stand was presented to the congregation.

4. Under the leadership of our Missionary Superintendent, Rev. H. C. Funk, our German congregation in Sanger purchased additional lots, transferred the church, rebuilt and enlarged the parsonage by raising among themselves subscriptions to the amount of $2011.83, all but $95 of which are paid. This is a

unique effort and highly creditable to the spirit of the congregation.

5. As a singular privilege accorded me I should mention the stimulating experience of attending the Survey Assembly of the United Lutheran Church in Trinity Church, New York City, last February. While the body held itself strictly to the deliberative character of the convention, the whole complex mechanism of the church was exhibited in motion; and, as problem after problem solved itself under Christian counsel proffered from every point of the periphery—truly nation wide—the fact was patent that the United Church could and would operate with co-ordinate efficiency. The personnel impressed me as superior. Deliberation proceeded on the floor with the agility, the methodical and easy decorum one would naturally expect to see in a tournament of expert parliamentarians. Matters relevant to the co-ordination of our synod will be emphasized at the proper stage of our work.

Special Appointments

In harmony with the plan of the executive committee of the U. L. C., the Rev. Charles F. Oehler, D.D., was appointed to act as the synod's necrologist.

In order to cement the bonds of fellowship with the Pacific Synod and to promote mutual understanding in regard to the seminary project, our Missionary Superintendent, Rev. H. C. Funk, was appointed delegate to the convention held in Everett, Wash., July 16, 1919.

Being urged by the national committee of the Lutheran Brotherhood to appoint a committee representative of the far-flung ends of our state in the matter of the special campaign for synodical benevolence, the following gentlemen were appointed: Dr. O. H. Gruver, J. C. Frohliger, N. N. Fritz, A. W. Jumper, Paul Hoffman, N. C. Christiansen.

Recommendations

With the indulgence of this honorable body the following recommendations are submitted for deliberation:

1. That Synod suggest to the executive committee of the U. L. C. the possible helpfulness of an itinerary by the president of the general body throughout all the congregations on our coast to the end of enlarging our outlook and evoking a stronger consciousness of the national mission of our great church.

2. That Children's Day be observed this year in all our churches and the proceeds of the offering be devoted to Tabitha Home.

3. That the apportionment be placed on the confirmed membership of the congregations and that all independent churches contributing on the apportionment be listed with our churches on the new tables, providing the pastor is a member of synod.

J. R. BRAEUER.

Referred to the Committee on President's Report.

COMMITTEES

President's Report—Rev. A. Jatho, Mr. F. C. Noel, Mr. C. B. Durst.

Young People's Society—C. L. Trabert, Esq., Rev. J. E. Stermer, Mr. Geo. Kohl.

Minutes Conferences—Revs. J. E. Hoick, H. C. Funk and W. J. Dentler.

Letters and Papers—Revs. W. S. Dysinger, E. A. Trabert and H. M. Leech.

Auditing—Messrs. C. B. Runkle and Jas. Popert.

Excuses—Messrs. N. N. Fritz, W. Tienken and R. A. Kuner and Rev. C. Legler.

Claims—Rev. H. C. Stafford and Mr. C. B. Durst.

Resolutions—Revs. H. J. Weaver, W. H. Derr and H. C. Stafford.

Applications of Congregations—Revs. D. J. Snyder, H. C. Funk and A. Jatho.

Plan of Apportionment—Revs. W. S. Dysinger, J. E. Hoick, E. A. Trabert and O. H. Gruver and Mr. N. N. Fritz.

Reporters—For Daily Press, Rev. E. A. Trabert; for The Lutheran, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.

Prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder. Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 16, 1919, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. Oehler.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Report of the Executive Committee

Oakland, Cal., October 28, 1918.

The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met at the call of the president in the First Lutheran Church of Oakland. Present, Revs. Braeuer, Funk, Stafford and Hillerman. Represented by authorized proxies, Revs. Gruver, Ball, Hoick and Mottern.

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to borrow sufficient money to meet the apportionment due on General Synod.

On motion the Committee authorized the allowance of $2.50 per diem for expenses of each delegate going to and returning from the meetings of the General Synod and The Merger, and for the days of attendance on these conventions. Adjourned.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 30, 1919.

The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in the First Church, San Francisco, Cal., on the call of the President. Present, Revs. Braeuer, Gruver, Ball, Funk and Hillerman, and Mr. J. C. Frohliger.

Communication was read from St. Michael's Church of Berkeley announcing its withdrawal from the Pacific Synod, and making request to enter California Synod. Explanation of the con-

ditions was made by Superintendent Funk. On motion it was: Resolved, That St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Berkeley be received into the membership of California Synod; and that the officers of Synod be instructed to so notify the President of the Pacific Synod. The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That, in conformity with the wishes of the United Lutheran Church, the churches connected with our Synod, and located in the states of Washington and Oregon, be urged to unite themselves with the Pacific Synod; and that the President of the Pacific Synod be informed of this action, and be requested to confer with such congregations, with a view to this transfer.

Communication was read from the Officers of the United Lutheran Church concerning a three-day survey of our work. It was: Resolved, That the Executive Committee approve the attendance of our President on this convention.

The request from the League to Enforce Peace for the appointment of delegates to a Congress to be held in San Francisco on February 19 and 20, 1919, was granted, and the following were appointed: Revs. Feix, Gruver and Hillerman, and Messrs. N. N. Fritz and J. C. Frohliger. Adjourned.

JOHN R. BRAEUER, President.
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, Secretary.

Report of Archivist

Your Archivist attests the preservation of all papers entrusted to him.

H. C. STAFFORD, Archivist.

Report of Synodical Home Mission Board and Superintendent of Missions

Ten regular meetings have been held by the California Home Mission Board during the year, and twenty-one missions are now under its care. One preaching point has been opened at Lodi, California, where Dr. Oehler has rendered valuable aid to the Superintendent in maintaining these preaching services. Three missions have been provided with pastors during the year.

Vacant Missions.—The following Missions are without regular pastors: Salinas, Alpaugh and Phoenix, Arizona.

Appropriations by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the year ending March 31st, 1920.—Alameda, $250; Alpaugh, $375; Wartburg, Fresno, $275; St. Paul's, Fresno, $300; First English, Fresno, $875; Glendale, $850; Long Beach, $175; St. Mark's, L. A., $335; St. Paul's, L. A., $900; Oakland, $650; Pasadena, $350; Phoenix, $700; Redlands, $550; Riverside, $275; Salinas, $600; San Bernardino, $675; Temple, S. F., $815; Berkeley, $700; Santa Barbara, $600; Sanger, $250; San Jose, $425; Supt. Missions, $800. Total amount of appropriation, $11,725.000.

Synodical Appropriations.—Riverside, $50. The Superintendent of Missions has traveled 3,300 miles at an expense of $11.00 to the Synod.

Reductions in Aid Received.—Alameda, $25; St. Paul's, Fresno, $25; First English, Fresno, $25; Glendale, $25; Long Beach, $25; St. Mark's, L. A., $40; and in addition thereto are saving the Board interest on debt being paid off to the amount of $162.50; St. Paul's, L. A.. $56; Oakland, $100; Pasadena, $25; Riverside, $25; San Bernardino, $25; Temple, S. F., $25. Riverside has made a reduction of $10 on Synodical Appropriation. Total reductions, $593.50.

Increases by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.—Redlands, $50; Wartburg, Fresno, $100; Supt. of Missions, $100; with an increase by the Synodical Mission Board of $100.

Salaries Increased by Congregations.—Wartburg, Fresno, $100; St. Paul's, Fresno, $100; Sanger, $300; Redlands, $200; St. Mark's, L. A., $200; making a total increase in the salaries of our Missionaries amounting to $900.

During the past year our Missions have contributed $4,767.67 for benevolent objects.

We are glad to report that the Superintendent is meeting with encouragement in his effort to obtain increased support for the Pastors of our Synod. There is little danger of commercializing the Ministry. We believe in the efficacy of prayer, and also in the just payment of our debts. Our Pastors have shown a disposition to be modest in the matter of increased financial support, when even the street-sweepers are demanding a wage of $6.00 a day in many of our cities. Some of our Missionaries have had no increase; they are simply existing on inadequate salaries, and inadequate support means an inefficient Ministry. No man can afford to dress himself and family properly, live in a house that does not discredit himself and the Church as well, on the salary paid by some of our Churches. The average support given our Missionaries in the California Synod is Twelve Hundred Dollars a Year.

We submit for adoption the following recommendations:

1. Resolved, That the residence of the Missionary Superintendent for the next few years be fixed at Los Angeles, and that his moving expenses be paid from the Home Mission Fund of the Synod.

2. Resolved, That all stated regular contributions given by any Church, Council or Congregation to the Pastor of any Mission within the bounds of California Synod shall be considered in all reports as an increase in salary. (Tabled).

3. Whereas, In many of the cities of California, Missions of our own and other branches of the Lutheran Church have been at work, in some instances for a quarter of a century or more, with no prospect of early self-support even now; and

Whereas, The present increase of population promises a continuance of similar conditions, under which from two to five congregations struggle for existence in populations scarcely able to maintain one self-supporting Lutheran Church, unless some change of policy can be effected; and

Whereas, Recent events in connection with the Great War have greatly stimulated the process of Americanizing, in language and point of view, the foreign language elements of our population, with consequent endeavors toward mutual understanding and co-operation on the part of various branches of our Church in the United States; and

Whereas, There is an admitted dearth of Pastors and of candidates for the ministry which might be measurably relieved by a wise co-ordination of work on the part of the various Synods and general bodies; therefore be it

(1) Resolved, That the California Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America hereby records its gratification at the organization of the National Lutheran Council which gives promise of co-operation and co-ordination of effort, not only in the work of reconstruction in Europe and upon the field of Missions to the heathen, but also in the great Home Mission field of America; and be it further

(2) Resolved, That we respectfully, but most earnestly, request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America, and our own Synodical Home Mission Board to use every endeavor to prevent in future the overlapping above referred to, and, if possible, to secure a better co-ordination in fields already entered, with a view to establishing strong self-supporting congregations where now weak, struggling Missions contend for a bare existence, and be it

(3) Resolved, Further, That these resolutions be copied and sent respectively to Dr. H. H. Weber, Secretary to the Home Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, and Dr. Lauritz Larsen, Secretary of the National Lutheran Council.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

H. C. FUNK, Superintendent of Missions.

Report of Committee on Revised Constitution

Your Committee offers the accompanying amendment of the suggested Constitution for Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America as a substitute for the present Constitution of Synod.

Proposed By-Laws are prepared to cover matters in our present Constitution not included in the proposed Constitution.

For the Committee,

(See Appendix D) GEORGE H. HILLERMAN.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to print the proposed By-Laws in the minutes as well as the proposed Constitution. (See Appendix E)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oscar H. Gruver in account with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, August 20, 1918 to August 25, 1919.

RECEIPTS

To Cash Balance from last year's account:	$ 231.12	
Synodical Treasury	7.00	
Church Extension	4.00	
Board of Education	69.09	
Ministerial Education	26.16	
California Educational Institution		$ 337.37

To Receipts from Churches:			
General Synod		$ 297.65	
Synodical Treasury		586.50	
Home Missions		931.76	
Foreign Missions		653.80	
Church Extension		534.26	
Board of Education		379.19	
Ministerial Education		408.15	
Pastors' Fund		229.00	
Deaconess Board		168.50	
Home for the Aged		97.75	
Tabitha Home		121.75	
California Home Missions		1,175.12	
Proteges in India		100.00	
Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage		75.70	
India Diamond Jubilee Special		405.65	
American Red Cross		5.00	
National Lutheran Council		1,115.51	
Armenian and Syrian Relief		319.90	
Interest for California Educational Institution		1.04	
			$7,606.23
Total Receipts			$7,943.60

DISBURSEMENTS

By Remittance to Boards:			
General Synod		$ 297.65	
Synodical Treasury:			
Pastor's Traveling Expenses to Synod	$108.99		
Secretary's Salary	25.00		
President's Expenses	10.00		
Secretary's Expenses	9.50		
Statistician's Expenses	2.25		
Synodical Stationery	22.25		
Extra Coin Envelopes	2.75		
Janitor of Pasadena Church	5.00		
Telegram to Dr. Tressler	1.00		
Minutes of Synod	142.50		
St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles	75.00		
Expenses of Fraternal Delegate to Pacific Synod	21.00		
General Synod Fund	28.25		
		453.49	
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension:			
Home Missions	$931.76		
Church Extension	541.26		
		1,473.02	
Board of Foreign Missions:			
Overdraft	$ 11.00		
General Fund	642.80		
Proteges in India	100.00		
India Diamond Jubilee Special	405.65		
		1,159.45	
Board of Education		383.19	
Ministerial Education:			
Fred C. Maurer	$150.00		
Frederick Weisenborn	150.00		
Thomas D. Rinde	150.00		
		450.00	
Pastors' Fund		229.00	
Deaconess Board		168.50	
Home for the Aged		97.75	
Tabitha Home		121.75	
California Home Missions:			
Salary of Superintendent of Missions	$770.83		
Expenses of Superintendent of Missions	91.25		
Salary of Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	70.00		
		932.08	
Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage		75.70	
American Red Cross		5.00	
National Lutheran Council		1,115.51	
Armenian and Syrian Relief		319.90	
			$7,281.99

By Cash on Hand to balance:		
Synodical Treasury	$ 364.13	
Ministerial Education	27.24	
California Home Missions	243.04	
California Educational Institution	27.20	
		661.61
Total Disbursements		$7,943.60

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Treasurer.

(See Appendix A)

Referred to Auditing Committee.

Prayer by Dr. Weaver. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 16, 1919, 8 P. M.

Sermon by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D. Theme, "The Perfect Christ." Text, John 19:4.

THIRD SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 17, 1919, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service, "The Place of Prayer," Dr. W. S. Dysinger. Roll Call. Minutes approved.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

(See Appendices B-C)

Amendment offered to strike out confirmed membership report assigned to the First Church, Los Angeles. On motion the whole matter was deferred until the method of apportionment is determined.

A report was read by the Committee on State of the Church, and referred back to the Committee.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our three beneficiary students, Fred Maurer, Frederick Weisenborn, and Thomas Rinde, have been successfullp prosecuting their studies at Atchison, Kansas, during the past year.

Mr. Fred Maurer is in the last year of his Seminary studies, and expects to complete the course next June.

Mr. Thomas Rinde has made a fine record during the past year. He enters the Junior Class this Fall.

Mr. Frederick Weisenborn has pursued his studies in the Sophomore year, and in addition has taken some studies in the Theological Seminary.

Your Committee recommends that an appropriation of $150 be granted each of these young men for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HOICK,
H. A. GETZ,
HERBERT J. WEAVER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report notices with the greatest pleasure the hopeful optimistic view he takes of the future of our beloved Lutheran Lion in the world at large. We wish and pray that it may come true.

Three recommendations are suggested and will require action by Synod.

A. JATHO.
CLAUDE B. DURST.

Recommendations one and two adopted. Recommendation three referred to Committee on Plan of Apportionment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

We, your Committee on Letters and Papers, having had a number of official communications presented to us, have carefully examined and considered them and beg leave to submit the following information and recommendations:

1. The President of the United Lutheran Church has expressed his desire to meet with this body in its present session, but, in view of the work of organization in the United Church, he finds it impossible to do so. He suggests that, if possible, arrangements be made whereby the Synods in the extreme western part of the country should meet at such a time in 1920 as he could be present.

We recommend that the Executive Committee enter into correspondence with him and with the officers of the Pacific Synod and Rocky Mountain Synod, and, if it be possible to do so, arrange for the 1920 Convention of this Synod at such a time as may be agreeable to the President of the United Lutheran Church and thus secure his presence.

2. The Chairman of the Boy's Work Committee of the United Lutheran Church requests that a Committee on Boy's Work be created by this Body.

We recommend that the President appoint such a Committee.

3. A Communication has been received from the Rev. M. G. G. Sherer, Secretary of the United Lutheran Church giving the method by which the United Church will deal with the Synods and congregations.

We recommend that it be read to this body.

4. In view of the delightful spirit of harmony in which the entire Lutheran Church in America co-operated during the war in the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers and Sailors, and in view of the tentative organization of a National Lutheran Council, we would recommend that the California Synod hereby express its sympathy with such efforts and fervently pray for a united and co-operative work by the entire Lutheran Church in America.

5. Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the United Lutheran Church, which is laying plans for a complete canvass of the entire Church in November for an adequate support, requests our hearty support in the Campaign.

We recommend that the Chairman of the Committee appointed by the President of this body be given the privilege of presenting this work in detail to this Convention. (Hour set at 9:30 A. M., Thursday).

6. At the Convention of the General Synod in New York, 1918, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, The General Synod, at its adjourned Convention, held in New York, Nov. 12-14, 1918, determined for good and sufficient reasons to continue its corporate existence; and

Whereas, It is highly desirable, for obvious reasons, that there shall be but one set of delegates; therefore

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby authorizes the submission to its District Synods of the following Amendment to Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of its Constitution, which reads:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate.

There shall be substituted the following:

Each Synod connected with the General Synod shall be entitled to representation at the conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate.

We recommend the adoption of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. DYSINGER,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
H. M. LEECH,
Committee.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN SYNODS

Since the last meeting of this Synod, the merging of the three bodies, the General Council, United Synod South and the General Synod, has become an accomplished and glorious fact. And it is sincerely hoped along every line of Lutheran activity in this country, it will consummate the wishes and prayers and best interests of those interested.

Your delegate in communication with the Rev. Pankoke, Secretary of the "Lutheran Bureau of the National Lutheran Council," has the pleasure in submitting to you the second Article of their Constitution, which clearly shows the PURPOSE and OBJECT of the Council in this country in brief.

1. To speak for the Lutheran Church and give publicity to its utterances on all matters which require an expression of the common conviction and sentiment of the Church.

2. To be the representative of the Lutheran Church in America in its attitude toward or relations to organized bodies outside of itself.

3. To bring to the attention of the Church all such matters as require common utterance or action.

4. To further the work of recognized agencies of the Church that deal with problems arising out of the War and other emergencies; to co-ordinate, harmonize, and unify their activities; and, to create new agencies to meet circumstances which require common action.

5. To co-ordinate the activities of the Church and its agencies for the solution of the new problems which effect the religious life and consciousness of the people, e. g., social, economic, and educational conditions.

6. To foster true Christian loyalty to the State; and to labor for the maintenance of a right relation between Church and State as distinct, divine institutions.

7. To promote the gathering and publication of true and uniform statistical information concerning the Lutheran Church in America.

That the Synod might keep in touch with the movements of other Lutheran bodies in this country, and here on the Coast, looking toward co-operation and co-ordination for the best interests of our beloved Church,

We recommend the continuance of an officially appointed delegate of this Synod.

R. W. MOTTERN, Delegate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES

Your Committee on Minutes of Conferences would report that it has examined the records of the Southern Conference, and finds nothing demanding the attention of Synod.

As the Minutes of the Northern Conferences were not available, your Committee is unable to make any recommendation.

For the Committee,

J. E. HOICK.

Prayer by Rev. Funk. Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 17, 1919, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Dr. Dysinger. Roll Call. Minutes approved.

Doctrinal Paper, "The Freedom of the Will." Art. XVIII, Augsburg Confession, by Rev. D. J. Snyder. Discussion followed.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE MERGER MEETING OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

It is only possible for your Delegates to give a brief account of the Merger that took place in the wonderful City of New York at a time when the world was filled with rejoicing because

the Dove of Peace had once more found a resting place on the earth. The Eleventh Day of November, 1918, will ever be a memorable day; but the Tenth Day of November, 1843, comes more than 400 years before, and who will say that the spirit of our Hero's work for world democracy was not an important factor in preparing the way for its acclamation on November the Eleventh, 1918?

Three things contributed to make the tie that binds the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod in the South into one, a memorable event. It was a remarkable occasion in a great city, and took place at a most opportune time. But we are permitted to select only a few of the choicest gems and coin them into language that may in some degree express to you the measure of our joy.

How the Merger Was Launched

Just a word on the earlier period in which a gracious Providence was preparing us for larger things. Here we find that while the "Mills of God grind slowly," they may also suddenly develop beyond our fondest expectation. To our incomparable Doctrinal Basis, the Common Service, the Luther League, the Women's Missionary Society, the Lutheran Brotherhood and the Laymen's Missionary Movement, much of the credit is due for this happy consummation.

The Committee on Quardicentenial Celebration, in a meeting held at Philadelphia on April 18th, 1917, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That this meeting request the Joint Lutheran Committee to arrange a general meeting of Lutherans to formulate plans for the unification of the Lutheran Church in America." Signed for the Committee by John L. Zimmerman.

Mr. E. Clarence Miller presented a plan of Merger. The Presidents of the Three General Bodies were requested to appoint a Joint Committee to prepare a statement of Faith and outline a Constitution. This new Constitution was submitted to the District Synods of the General Bodies for their ratification, and a Joint Committee on Ways and Means appointed to inquire into the Legal Phases of all procedure, with final authority to deal with all Boards and Agencies of the General Bodies. All this, and more, was consummated when the Delegates of an imposing body, formed by the three expiring organizations, met in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, the fourteenth day of November, at three P. M., when the act that would make them one should be performed.

The United Synod in the South was seated to the right, the General Council to the left, with the General Synod occupying the middle pews. The thrill of the heart-throb, and the inspiration of the occasion, can only be realized by those who were fortunate in attending the betrothal meeting of the United Lutheran Church in America. Dr. T. E. Schmauk was elected President pro-tem; and in order to make the license legal, or the act of incorporation valid, one of the officers must be a resident of the State of New York, and Dr. William Baum was elected Secretary. The roll was called and showed 515 of the 588 delegates present.

Dr. J. A. Clutz read the official notice of meeting and application for incorporation as required by law. Rev. J. A. Haas, D.D., LL. D., then offered the report on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The impressive service of the Holy Communion was held in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday evening, when the sermon was preached by Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL. D., based on Heb. 12:1-2.

The election of permanent officers occurred on Friday, Nov. 15, 1918, in the Engineers' Society Building. Now, it was necessary to have the Legislature of the State of New York enact a special law, granting special property right privileges to the new organization, which was effected through the assistance of one of the ablest young attorneys in New York without a retainers' fee, by Mr. M. S. Hottenstein. Officers were elected as follows: Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL. D., President; Rev. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Secretary, and Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer.

Importance of the Merger

The consolidation of these Lutheran bodies is a victory for Union sentiment, and will encourage all Christians to eliminate useless divisions, such as had long pervaded our own ranks. Indeed, the great influence of the organic union effected by Lutherans on other religious bodies was voiced when a Bishop of the Methodist Church mentioned the merger meeting of the Lutherans as the first of the three principal things for which gratitude to God should be expressed on the last Thanksgiving Day. The following cablegram was received from France: "Heartfelt greetings to the United Church. You meet at a great moment in history. Your Brethren in France are strong in the Faith and in Unity of Doctrine with you. Since Sixteen Hundred and Twenty-one they have been steadfast amid great difficulties. With you they wish to build the Christian Imperative into the New World Order. We are certain that you will be ready to join hands with them in thus helping to make permament the Peace purchased by the blood of many sons."

(Signed) SMITH-RITER.

Moreover, the telegrams received from leading statesmen in the United States, and from other lands, attest the unusual importance accredited the formation of the United Lutheran Church in America in setting an example worthy of emulation, and which has been pronounced "The Swiftest and Most Remarkable Union in the History of the Church."

Property Value of the United Church

The property value of the United Lutheran Church in America reaches the magnificent sum of Fifty-three Million Dollars, with an annual local expenditure of Seven Million Dollars for the salaries of those who are actively engaged in furthering the cause of our Zion; and in addition, an expenditure of more than a Million and a Half of Dollars annually for Missions is maintained.

This union will result in increased efficiency because it renders numerous offices and positions unnecessary. Overlapping

and confusion will be lessened, while many active workers will be released for new work and increased endeavor in those places where they are really needed.

A conservative estimate of baptized Lutherans in America may be placed at 8,000,000 members, and of that number 5,000,000 are affiliated with organized churches; while the number of baptized Lutherans in the world may be placed at 75,000,000. The unchurched Lutherans, together with the new lines of endeavor for assisting in the re-organization of the hosts of Lutherans in European lands, will keep the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in the United Lutheran Church very busy during the coming years.

Realizing the immensity of the task that lies before the Church, the President and Secretary of the United Body were required to devote their whole time to their respective offices; the President to receive a salary of $5,000.00, and the Secretary $3,000.00, a year.

Ratification Meetings were held in the Auditorium of the Hotel Astor on Friday evening, Nov. 15th, and in the Hippodrome on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17th. The three former Presidents of the United Bodies, together with Dr. Bauslin and Dr. Haas, thrilled the assembled hosts with inspiring addresses.

The apportionment for our Division of the Church was based upon the action of the General Synod for this year. The matter of a plan for apportionment for the future was referred to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

Pacific Theological Seminary

The General Council in its closing Convention endorsed an appeal for the Pacific Theological Seminary. In the United Lutheran Convention the following substitute was adopted:

Whereas, The United Lutheran Church in America has heard with gratification of the plans, purposes and desires of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle, and of the Pacific and California Synods with reference to their cooperation in that Institution; and

Whereas, We are convinced that the amount asked for endowment and equipment should be supplied as speedily as possible to enable the Institution to furnish an adequate and efficient Ministry for the present and increasing needs in that far Western section, and in the far East; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the matter of Ways and Means for the securing of such funds be referred to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

An Open Door

We may state further, that the three former General Bodies still maintain a legal existence, to adequately protect the existing endowments and property rights of the three bodies and their various boards.

It was a matter of regret that the Augustana Synod did not see its way clear to enter the merger at this time. There remains, however, a broad provision by which this body may be

included, as our preamble reads, to "continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran Congregations and Synods in America, one with us in Faith, to unite with us" in this one General Body.

The vital importance attached to the efforts of the Ways and Means Committee cannot be over-estimated, for the merger was really a ratification meeting for the work of this remarkable organization. This committee has merited great praise, since through their efforts the Church has successfully sailed through perilous seas, and under God there has been formed a National Lutheran Church in America.

"Unshaken as the eternal hills,
Invincible she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands."

H. C. FUNK, Chairman.
CHAS. F. OEHLER,
HERBERT J. WEAVER,
H. GEHRCKE,
JAMES POPERT,
THEO. DEWITZ.

Greetings from Pacific Synod extended by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE PACIFIC SYNOD

The Pacific Synod is an aggressive body. They are going after things. They cover a large territory now, but they are not satisfied with what they have got. Indeed, we greatly enjoyed this fine aggressive spirit, and the manner in which they put forth every effort to obtain what they want.

The Synod was convened on the 16th day of July, and closed its sessions on Sunday, July 20th, being held in Holy Trinity Church, Everett, Washington, Rev. Merrell E. Boulton, Pastor.

Seven Ministers and two new congregations were added to their roll. This body is growing so rapidy, and becoming so large, that it is evident that they will soon have to acquire some new attire.

A number of Church Officials added to the pleasure and profit of the Convention, Dr. Stub and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., being present.

Our friends in the North also have the fine faculty of averting what they do not want. An excessive apportionment at this time would be burdensome with the large undertaking now in hand, and the new apportionment was fixed at $2.30 per member.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society held a delightful service on Thursday evening, when Dr. Yarger delivered an address on Mission Work. Friday evening was devoted to Christian Education, Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., delivering the address.

The report of the Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of California was heard with special interest, and was given by Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D.

The papers prepared for the Convention were of a very high order. The subject, "De Penitentia," presented by Rev. F. T. Lucas, deserves special mention. "An Examination of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church," by Rev. F. S. Beistel, proved to be very interesting and especially helpful.

The Pacific Theological Seminary, however, was the chief concern. Three Professors have been elected thus far, and a fourth one is expected. Dr. Kunzman is the President, Dr. Frederick the Dean, and Dr. Kretschman the newly elected Professor. Four students were enrolled last year, and a number of new candidates for the Ministry are expected to enter with the opening term. A valuable tract of ten acres of land has been procured at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. The Synod will raise the salary for one Professor, and aid in the special drive for $150,000.00 for the Institution. It is also proposed to procure twenty-five cents per member from every member in the United Lutheran Church through the Women's Missionary Society, which would amount to two hundred thousand dollars.

This Synod requested the United Lutheran Church to issue the Church Hymnal with words between the lines of music as soon as it was practicable to do so.

We heartily commend the Pastors and people of the Pacific Synod for their zeal and splendid accomplishments. Your Delegate was cordially received, and was royally entertained during his attendance upon the Convention.

H. C. FUNK.

Report of Sunday School Secretary

Your Synodical Sunday School Secretary reports principally, that he has been inactive through the Synodical year, for several reasons. First, we were not familiar with the requirements of the office, as we were not at the session of Synod at which it was created. Secondly, we have not had the time or funds to prosecute the work as it should be done.

We would recommend that for the coming year a secretary be appointed who can give considerable time to the work, and who shall be authorized to appeal to our Sunday Schools for funds to meet the expenses of his office. We recommend further, that all our schools use only such literature as is furnished by our own publication house. This applies especially to lesson helps and Sunday School Papers for the young, and Sunday School hymnals. We believe these helps, supplied by our Publication Society, are surpassed by none and equalled by few.

We recommend the affiliation of our schools with the International Sunday School Association, through its local county and state branches. We submit a circular and questionaire prepared by the Rev. C. E. Lewis, Sunday School Secretary of our Nebraska Synod, as a model of completeness and efficiency, and as a form for our Sunday School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

N. N. FRITZ.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

Your Committee would report, that after careful examination of the same in general we find the arrangement, order and sys-

tem in the keeping of Minutes and their printing to be well done and commendable.

We would call attention to a few matters of interest:

On page 22, regarding transfer of money to Treasury of Synod from the Mary and Martha Circle, the answer was "No." Is this matter still undone? Answer, "Yes." Treasurer of Synod is instructed to correspond with the M. & M. Circle regarding the same.

On page 24, in Report of Secretary of Sunday School, on standardization of Sunday Schools, would ask Statistican to answer for this last year, what has been done? Nothing.

On page 25, in Report of Y. P. Societies would ask the Committee on Y. P. Societies to answer regarding whether the rallies referred to have been effected, and whether a unifying of these societies has been attempted. Answer, "No."

On page 32, under Additional Resolutions, Art. 8, it reads, "the Secretary shall send a copy of Art. 6, Sec. 7, of Constitution, to each clerical member who has demitted regular duties of the ministry." Would inquire has this been done? Answer, "No."

We recommend that there be printed the same number of Minutes for pro rata distribution as last year.

R. W. MOTTERN, Chaiman.

Committee on Reception of Congregations

Your Committee has before it two applications for admission into the California Synod, St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Berkeley, Cal. This congregation has been received by the Executive Committee of Synod. The Evangelical Lutheran Bethel Church of San Jose, Cal. Your Committee recommends that this congregation be received into the California Synod.

D. J. SNYDER,
H. C. FUNK.
A. JATHO,

Ministerial Relief

One of the most important Boards operating under the management of the United Lutheran Church, is the Board of Ministerial Relief. This Board aims to care for the aged and infirm in the ministry, to provide for the families of deceased ministers, and to create a fund from which ministers may be pensioned. The apportionment for this worthy object is fourteen cents per capita. There is already an Endowment Fund of nearly $100,000 in the hands of the Board, and with the united help of the churches, the lives of many aged and infirm servants of God will be materially brightened and helped. This Synod pledges its heartiest co-operation to the Board in its most commendable undertaking.

WM. E. CROUSER,
JAMES POPERT,
W. H. DERR.

Report of Committee on Temperance

Gigantic and even miraculous have been the advances made in the matter of the suppression of the liquor traffic. On the

8th of September. 1917, the Food Control law, which was passed the previous month by Congress, stopped the manufacture of distilled liquor in the United States. Again, in December, 1918, the Food Administration closed all the breweries in the United States involving an investment of $700,000,000.

In November, 1918, Congress conferred upon the President power to establish complete national prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks, and the President ordered that this prohibition go into effect on the first of July, 1919, to continue in force until such time as the demobolization of the army might be declared complete. Accordingly all sale of intoxicating liquor became illegal on the first of last July.

In December, 1917, Congress decided to submit to the Legislatures of the various states, a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation, import or export of intoxicating beverages, such Amendment to become law when ratified by three-fourths of the states of the Union. The first state to ratify the Amendment was Mississippi, and the thirty-sixth was Nebraska, on July 16th, 1919. Missouri and Wyoming ratified the Amendment on the same day with Nebraska. The Amendment was certified by the Secretary of State on January 29, and will become a law one year after this date.

In all this wonderful advancement we greatly rejoice, and pledge to the triumphant cause our allegiance and our prayer in the enforcement of law, that our fair land may never again writhe under the tyranny of the diabolical traffic.

WM. E. CROUSER.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses

Your Committee would report as absent and unexcused the following ministers:

Revs. Routzahn, Roehmer, Swickard, Eckhart and Lund, and Rev. Hoskinson for all sessions after the first.

The following were absent from the entire Convention, and on the strength of excuses submitted, we recommend they be excused:

Revs. Pedersen, Chambers, Combs, Young, Isham, Harter, Rinker, Junghans, Mathias and G. W. Snyder.

And that the following be excused from certain sessions of the Synod:

Revs. Reed, Bahr, Fritzler, Schueler, Hoick, Hoskinson, Feix, Brandes, and Oehler.

Your Committee feels that courtesy demands that an excuse for absence be forthcoming from every lay, as well as clerical delegate, who cannot be present, whatever the cause of his absence.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee. N. N. FRITZ.

Invitation received to hold the 1920 Convention in the First Church, San Diego; entertainment on the Harvard plan. Accepted.

Prayer by Rev. Stermer. Adjournment.

FIFTH SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 18, 1919, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service, "The Call to Go Forward," Dr. Schueler.

Roll call. Minutes approved.

Rev. Derr appointed to bear the Greetings of Synod to the Woman's Missionary Convention.

Report on the November Campaign for Benevolence

Your Committee on the National Campaign for Benevolence begs to report that it will be necessary, in order to carry out the plan of the United Lutheran Church for this campaign, that each church immediately on the return of its Pastor from Synod, shall select a man to take the captaincy of the movement in that church.

The regional director for Alameda County, Sacramento, and San San Joaquin valleys, is J. C. Frohliger, 3763 Ruby St., Oakland.

For south of the Tehachapi, outside of Los Angeles, Glendale and San Diego, is N. C. Christiansen, 739 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

For Los Angeles, Glendale and San Diego, is P. C. Hoffman, 337 Maryland St., Glendale.

These Majors will report to N. N. Fritz, 710 Bank of Italy Building, San Francisco, to whom also the Captains in San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties and in Salinas will report direct.

Upon receipt of the names of the Captains literature will be mailed to them from the office of the General Director, Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., 1524 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Our loyalty to the United Lutheran Church will be tested by the manner in which we perform this tremendously important duty, both as to the details of the organization and the enthusiasm shown in its execution. We are convinced that your natural loyalty will lead you to take your places in this movement.

We recommend the adoption of the weekly Duplex envelope system for the receipt of the regular offerings, because experience proves that it greatly increases the income and benevolence of the congregations

For the Committee. N. N. FRITZ.

Report of Committee on Claims

The following claims were presented to your Committee:

Traveling expenses of pastors to and from Synod allotted according to payments of the several congregations to Synodical Treasury during the last biennium	$211.46
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Secretary's salary	25.00
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, postage and supplies	2.50
Rev. J. E. Hoick, Statistician's expenses	1.75
Janitor service	5.00
Expenses of six delegates to the Merger Convention, at $30.00 per delegate	180.00

We recommend that these claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. STAFFORD, Chairman.
CLAUDE B. DURST.

Report of Committee on State of Church

From the reports of the Pastors on the State of the Church, we conclude that "this is a matter known only to the Lord," and we have no means of giving expression to His unrevealed thought.

We recommend that a new committee be appointed to present to the next meeting of Synod a blank for use that will be in keeping with the evolutionary progress of the past.

For the Committee. W. S. DYSINGER.

Report on Plan of Apportionment.

Your Committee on Apportionment would report as follows:

1. We recommend that the apportionment be made on the basis of the communicant membership.

2. We recommend that the amount of the apportionment for the year be $7,360 for the United Lutheran Church, and $2,596 for Synodical work.

The Finance Committee of the United Lutheran Church requests the sum of $10,764 from this Synod. The method by which this amount was reached includes the entire confirmed membership of the congregations of the Synod which also includes independent congregations who pay no apportionments. Due to this fact it was deemed just that the amounts apportioned these congregations be deducted; also, in view of the fact that the percentage of confirmed to communicant members being over 15 per cent higher in California Synod than in the general average we have further made a reduction of 15 per cent on the total which gives us the amount $7,360. The total apportionment is $3.36 per capita.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. DYSINGER,
ERNEST A. TRABERT,
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
J. E. HOICK,
N. N. FRITZ.

Report of the Statistical Secretary

Reports have been received from all of the thirty congregations of Synod, which when tabulated, total as follows:

Prayer Meetings 34, students for the ministry 5, catechumens 238, subscriptions for the church papers 200, losses 975, infant baptisms 350, accessions 389.

Compared with the report of last year, the following items show a decrease: there have been 8 less catechumens, 36 fewer subscriptions to the church papers; our record of this year does not measure up to last years by 14 infant baptisms, 57 confirmations, 49 received by certificate, and 93 by restoration. Altogether, we report 1,200 fewer confirmed members, and 99 less baptised members. Regular local expenses show a decline of $86, unusual local expenses $495, and total benevolence $818.

On the other hand, the report of this year surpasses last years by three additional prayer meetings, 56 more deaths, 9 more adult baptisms, and 45 more communicant members. Church

property increased to the extent of $20,950, while $672 have been added to the indebtedness column. The number of Sunday Schools shows an increase of three, with ten additional officers and teachers, 17 teachers training students, 10 more in the home department, and 117 in the cradle roll department.

Commendable increases are to be noted in both Young Peoples and Missionary Societies, while the total expenditures for all objects is $7,810 greater than last year.

On account of the fact that the California Synod has not yet adopted the new apportionment levied by the United Lutheran Church, the presentation of the Apportionment Table for 1919-1920 is deferred till a later session.

The brethren of Synod are to be commended for promptness with which their parochial reports were sent in. The following were late, possibly because of the delay or the miscarriage of the mails: Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Rev. F. F. Fritzler, Rev. A. Jatho.

We recommend:

1st. That the plan of the new apportionment be referred to a Special Committee.

2nd. That the delinquents be referred to the Mileage Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HOICK.

Report of Board of Directors of California Educational Institution

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That in accordance with action taken last year by our Synod and subsequent action of the Pacific Synod, we elect six Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary to constitute with six Directors elected by the Pacific Synod, the Board of Directors of said Seminary.

Resolved, That our California churches be opened to a canvass by Rev. J. C. Kunzman, D. D., for salary and endowment of a California Synod professorship in the Pacific Theological Seminary and that when a sufficient amount is raised, this Synod, through its representatives on the Board of Directors, shall recommend a man for the professorship; and

Resolved, That all monies or securities contributed by our churches or individual members in them, be paid through the Treasurer of the California Synod to be credited to our congregations in their parochial reports.

Resolved, That we are still of the firm conviction that there is need for the establishment of a Lutheran College on the territory of the California Synod.

Resolved, That immediately after the adjournment of this Synod, the Directors of the California Educational Institution be instructed to meet, organize and plan a definite program.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors.

OSCAR H. GRUVER, President.
HERBERT J. WEAVER, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Inner Missions

Your Committee appointed on Inner Missions would report the following:

During the year an Inner Mission survey was sent to each Pastor of Synod obtaining valuable information in regard to Inner Mission work—Congregational, Institutional, Individual. From this we learn that the fact was emphasized of having within our borders a home of mercy of some kind to care for our people.

It seems that the time has arrived and preliminary steps are already being taken by the Luther Society of the San Francisco Bay Cities and also by the Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California representing the United Lutheran church, United Lutheran Synod and Augustana Synod to combine all Lutherans irrespective of Synodical connections in one united aim. The establishing of Lutheran hospitals in the Northern and Southern parts of our State.

Is not this a commendable task, worthy of the most active co-operation by Pastors and Laymen? Should not one feel impelled to joyously further these charitable institutions? Think of the greatness of this noble work which these societies have courageously undertaken to carry out and you will realize its great importance. It may be of general interest to learn that a donation of $100,000 has been offered towards the fulfillment of this aim of establishing a Lutheran Hospital in San Francisco.

We also have learned with pleasure of the proposal from a member of one of our congregations to give certain property for the establishing of a Home for the Aged. We trust the time may be near when such a blessed agency may be established.

Brethren, there is much need of united and continuous effort along these lines at this opportune time. In view of this fact, your Committee would earnestly recommend that when the establishing of these institutions of mercy shall be presented before our congregations, that pastors of our churches be urged to co-operate with these societies to accomplish these projects.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMAN GEHRCKE, Chairman.

Prayer by Dr. Frederick. Adjournment.

SIXTH SESSION

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 18, 1919. 2 P. M.

Prayer by Dr. Crouser. Roll call. Minutes approved.
Elections (for results see pages 3 and 4).
Tellers: Revs. Reed and Stafford; Messrs. Durst and Runkle.

Report of Auditing Committee

Your Committee respectfully reports that it found the audit of the Treasurer's books already accomplished by competent auditors and upon examination of this audit accepts it as its own. This audit shows the books to be true and correct in every respect.

Your Committee further reports that the limited time between sessions precludes an examination of all the Treasurer's records

by an auditing committee after the Convention of Synod convenes. It is, therefore, recommended that hereafter the President appoint the Auditing Committee prior to the Convention, so that the work may be accomplished before Synod meets.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE B. RUNKLE,
JAMES POPERT
CHAS. TRABERT.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies

There are twenty-three Young People's Societies with 479 members, a decrease of two societies and 77 members.

The Luther League of America has become the official Young People's Organization of the United Lutheran Church. In view of this fact we would recomend that the Young People's organizations of our church take knowledge of this fact and that all of our societies, as soon as possible, change their name and constitution to conform to this fact.

Information comes to us that both in the Northern and Southern Conferences Young People's Rallies have been held, and we would recommend that a Young People's Work Committee be authorized to take steps to secure a formal organization of the Young People's Societies of our Conferences in order that there may be a united activity on the part of our young people.

Apart from our Sunday Schools there is no work more important than the work of our young people. The time has come when this work must be prosecuted vigorously. To this end we recommend that a By-Law be enacted by Synod creating a Standing Committee to look after the Young People's work, and this Committee be directed to use every endeavor to secure the organization of a Young People's Society in every congregation in this Synod.

CHAS. L. TRABERT,
JOSEPH E. STERMER.

Report of Commission on Adjustment of Salaries

Your Committee on the Adjustment of Salaries had one meeting during the year at which three members were present. We found insuperable obstacles in the way of accomplishing anything worth while at this time. However, the salaries of several of our pastors have been increased during the year, and we commend the same course to all our church councils and congregations during the next year in order to somewhat relieve the stress occasioned by the high cost of living.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Commission. OSCAR H. GRUVER.

Report of Examining Committee

Your Committee had before it the applications of Rev. H. Wiemken and Rev. August Boether.

Rev. Wiemken was formerly a member of this Synod, later a member of the Mission Synod. He has been called as pastor at Sanger. We recommend that he be received into the Synod, and his name enrolled.

Rev. Boether comes from the Evangelical Synod of North America. He is Lutheran in his theological views and desires work in this Synod. We recommend that the Superintendent of Missions be authorized to engage him for such work as may be open now or in the near future, and that final action on the application be deferred for one year.

W. BALL,
H. GEHRCKE,
D. J. SNYDER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Whereas, We have learned with a deep sense of sorrow and regret of the translation of Marie Feix, the beloved wife, companion and helpmate of our esteemed brother and co-worker in the Ministry of reconciliation, Henry S. Feix, Pastor of St. Mark's Church of San Francisco;

Be It Resolved, That we express the sincere sympathy and condolence of our Synodical body to our sorrowing brother in this hour of his great bereavement;

That we assure him of our brotherly fellowship and concord of petition at the throne of grace, mercy and comfort that he may be duly sustained in his great loss.

And that a copy of these resolutions be duly forwarded by our Secretary to our bereaved brother.

Resolved, That we hereby express our most hearty thanks for the splendid hospitality of the Pastor and people of the First Lutheran Church of Oakland; for the soul-inspiring music of the soloists and choir of the First and St. Paul's Lutheran churches; for the artistic decorations; for the bountiful dinner and lunch served by the ladies of the First English Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening and Thursday noon, and for the kindness of the Pastor and people of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in tendering the use of their social rooms for the dinner and supper.

Resolved, That all monies paid by the congregations of our Synod to the Missionary Superintendent for his services be turned over directly to the Treasurer of Synod for California Home Missions.

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the Home Mission Committee to embody in its Annual Report to Synod a strict account of all monies that the various congregations pay to the Missionary Superintendent for his services.

Resolved, That any student, the beneficiary of the California Synod who shall, hereafter, without the consent of the Ministerial Education Committee, marry before graduating from the Theological Seminary shall forfeit further Synodical aid and what has been advanced to him shall become due at once.

Resolved, That Dr. Crouser in connection with the Executive Committee of Synod be requested to arrange for a "Lutheran Week" at Mount Hermon.

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
W. H. DERR,
H. C. STAFFORD.

Other Resolutions and Date of Adoption

1. Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from this life Marie M. Feix, wife of Pastor H. S. Feix, Be It

Resolved, That the President of this Synod appoint a Committee of three clergy, of which he shall be chairman, to attend her funeral and later to present suitable resolutions to this body. (Sept 16, A. M.)

Committee appointed: Revs. Braeuer, Weaver and Leech.

2. Resolved, That the Synod hereby appoint to the office of Sunday School Secretary for a period of one year, without remuneration, the Rev. Ernest A. Trabert, who shall be free to use his own judgment and experience in the execution of his work. (Sept. 17, P. M.)

3. Resolved, That the Treasurer and Statistician be instructed to have their reports printed before the Convention of Synod, for distribution at the Convention. (Sept. 17, P. M.)

4. Resolved, That the reporter to the Lutheran secure cuts of the men desired, and of the church in Oakland for use in said paper. (Sept. 18, P. M.)

5. By-Law 15. There shall be a Standing Committee of three on Young People's Societies. (Sept. 18, P. M.)

6. By-Law 16. There shall be a Standing Committee of two on Publicity of the Convention, of which one shall be the Pastor of the congregation entertaining Synod. (Sept. 18, P. M.)

On motion Rev. W. S. Dysinger, D. D., was made chairman of the California Directors, Pacific Theological Seminary.

Minutes approved.

Synod adjourned with the forms prescribed in the Ministerial Acts.

MINISTERIUM

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 17, 1919, Noon.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Funk. Twenty-three members present. President stated the object of the meeting to be the reception of Clerical Members.

Report of the Examining Committee.

(See page 32)

Item 1 adopted.

The Lord's Prayer. Adjournment.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 17, 1919, 5 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. D. J. Snyder. Twenty-six members present.

Item 2 adopted.

Minutes of the two sessions approved.

Prayer by Dr. Weaver. Adjournment.

Objects on Apportionment Table.

Churches	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	California Home Missions	Total	Excess	Deficit	National Lutheran Council	Other Objects	Grand Total
Alameda, Christ	$ 4.00	$ 7.00	$ 15.00	$ 11.00	$ 9.00	$ 8.00	$ 6.00	$ 4.00	$ 4.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 18.00	$ 90.00	$	$	$ 52.00	[1]$19.69	$ 161.69
Alpaugh, First	3.00	6.00	13.00	10.00	10.50	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	18.00	83.50	4.50			[1 2]88.50	172.00
Berkeley, St. Michael's	3.00	7.00	20.00	17.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	84.00			137.50	[4]5.00	226.50
Fresno, First	4.50	9.00	41.76	17.50	34.26	10.50	7.50	6.00	4.50	3.00	3.00	24.00	165.52	86.52		31.00	[3]19.83	216.35
Fresno, St. Paul's	13.50	19.00	39.00	24.80	17.00	16.50	13.00	8.00	8.00	2.75	2.75	39.30	203.60		418.40	30.00	[4]5.00	238.60
Fresno, Wartburg	21.00	42.00	25.00	33.50	27.50		19.65			11.00	11.00	93.50	284.15		243.85			284.15
Glendale, First	5.00	9.00	19.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	23.00	114.00			40.00	[3]10.00	164.00
Long Beach Trinity	12.00	24.00	51.00	39.00	31.00	27.00	21.00	15.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	61.00	305.00			169.85	[1 3 3]165.31*	640.16
Los Angeles, First	47.00	94.00	198.00	151.00	122.00	104.00	80.00	57.00	47.00	24.00	24.00	236.00	1,184.00					1,184.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	14.00	27.00	57.00	43.00	35.00	30.00	23.00	16.00	14.00	7.00	7.00	68.00	341.00			85.11	[5]70.00	496.11
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	8.00	15.00	32.00	24.00	20.00	17.00	13.00	9.00	8.00	4.00	4.00	38.00	192.00			20.00	[5]85.00	297.00
Oakland, First	11.00	21.00	44.00	34.00	27.00	23.00	18.00	13.00	11.00	5.00	5.00	53.00	265.00			55.00	[1]35.00	355.00
Pasadena, Trinity		21.00	45.00	33.00	27.00		18.00	12.00				59.00	215.00		45.00	50.00		265.00
Phoenix, Grace	5.00	10.00	22.00	17.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	8.00	26.00	136.00	5.00		10.50		146.50
Redlands, First	4.00	8.00	18.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	21.00	104.00			62.25		166.25
Riverside, Trinity	8.00	17.00	35.00	27.00	22.00	18.00	14.00	10.00	8.00	4.00	11.00	42.00	216.00	7.00		44.05	[1 3]126.45	386.50
Sacramento, First	9.00	18.00	7.00				5.00						39.00		188.00	19.50	[1]10.50	69.00
Sacramento, St. John's	23.00	40.00	35.00	15.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	64.00	248.00		319.00	116.00	[2 5]74.00	438.00
Salinas, Our Savior's	3.00	7.00					3.00					12.00	25.00		60.00			25.00
San Bernardino, First	9.40	10.00	8.00	5.00			9.00				3.00		44.40		82.60			44.40
San Diego, First	12.00	24.00	50.00	38.00	31.00	26.00	20.00	14.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	60.00	299.00			53.00	[1 5]137.87	489.87
San Francisco, First	9.00	10.00	35.00	37.00	20.00	10.00		11.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	177.00		57.00	43.75		220.75
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	3.00	7.00	3.00				3.00					4.00	20.00		138.00	19.75		39.75
St. Francisco, St. Matthew's	15.00	30.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	35.00	135.00		243.00			135.00
San Francisco, Temple	5.00	10.00	22.00	17.00	11.00	4.19	9.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	30.32	125.51		5.49	4.00	[3]2.10	131.61
Sanger, St. Paul's															150.00			
San Jose, Bethel												3.00	3.00					3.00
San Jose, Grace	11.00	21.00	45.00					13.00			5.00		95.00		172.00		[5]35.00	130.00
Santa Barbara, Grace	2.00	4.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	48.00			33.25		81.25
Seattle, St. Paul's		9.00	29.00	22.00	18.00	15.00	5.00					27.00	125.00		48.00	39.00	[3]17.00	181.00
W. H. and F. M. Society		35.00											35.00					35.00
Luther and Melanchthon Pamphle		15.00											15.00					15.00
Synodical Treasury	28.25												28.25					28.25
Calif. Educational Institution																	[6]1.04	1.04
Superintendent of Missions												70.00	70.00					70.00
Rev. E. H. Combs	5.00	10.00											15.00					15.00
Rev. E. F. A. Hantel												3.00	3.00					3.00
Rev. M. F. Rinker		.50											.50					.50
Thomas D. Rinde							50.00						50.00					50.00
Total	$297.65	$586.50	$931.76	$653.80	$534.26	$379.19	$408.15	$229.00	$168.50	$97.75	$121.75	$1,175.12	$5.583.43	$	$	$1,115.51	$ 907.29	$7.606.23

(1) Armenian and Syrian Relief.
(2) Proteges in India.
(3) Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage.
(4) American Red Cross.
(5) India Diamond Jubilee Special.
(6) California Educational Institution Interest.

*$100.00 was contributed by the S. S. to India Diamond Jubilee Cause.

Note.—The contributions for other objects include only what passed through the hands of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR H. GRUVER, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B—PAROCHIAL REPORT

	Pastors	Pastorates	Churches	Parochial: Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work"	Losses: Death.	Other Losses.	Certificate.	Accessions: Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Membership: Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Finances: Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses	Unusual Local Expenses	Sunday Schools: Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contributions: For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1				2	4	1	2	7	7			2	3	30	45	60	$ 6000		$ 614		1	5	40				$ 32	$ 104
2	Vacant	Alpaugh	First	1				3			4	45						31	31	75	6000	$ 675	518		1	13	35		10		59	44
3	E. A. Trabert	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1				9	8		2	19	7	3	6	9	8	59	64	127	17250	6825	2544	$ 579	1	10	66			12	282	
4	J. E. Stermer	Fresno	First	1	2			11	8	1		5	4	1	10	7	7	62	71	91			821		1	12	75			10	64	25
5	C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1	1			38		6		26	53		30		8	285	321	800	7000	1800	735	537	1	10	125				44	35
6	F. F. J. Fritzler	Fresno	Wartburg	1				15		7	6	9	19		11	2		201	232	554	7500	700	824	1358	1	10	168				45	10
7	R. W. Mottern	Glendale	*First	1	2			4	8	1	1	19		1		6		50	60	76	8000	3500	980		1	10	60		6	8	98	17
8	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1	2			9	12		6	16	9		9	6	6	120	140	174	12000	550	1570		1	19	124	8	3	15	108	165
9	W. S. Dysinger	Los Angeles	First	1	1	1	17		8	23		17	4	11	29			484	764	1074	90000	12500	5797		1	30	271			30	323	220
10	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1	2			1	9	2	5	9	7	5	2	13	1	140	190	260	14500	1872	1855	628	1	16	140		30	25	181	154
11	J. E. Hoick	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1	2	1	6	8		5	18	10	2	4	2	2	1	71	75	115	4000		840		1	15	75			62	157	87
12	G. H. Hillerman	Oakland	First	1	2	1	10	20	4	4	51	6	3	4	9	12	105	139	172	60000	6750	1511	350	1	12	66		12	12	108	80
13	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1	1		6	10		1	4	5		1		2	102	118	144	12000		932	200	1	9	64		6		55	10
14	Vacant	Phoenix	Grace	1	1					1		12	3			4		59	59	92	4500	1725	692	2857	1	12	43		14	13	118	6
15	Vacant	Redlands	First	1	1					1	3	35	2			3	5	41	41	120	10000		659		1	7	58				108	
16	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1	2		2	11	3			26	4		2	1	1	79	90	140	6000		1402	60	1	16	56		12	10	154	61
17	Vacant	Sacramento	First	1			3	6	3	1	15	7		3			4	77	148	260	25000	2000	1079	121	1	8	88	7			95	10
18	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	*St. John's	1	1		9	20	8	2	279	16		9				215	215	559	90000		2715		1	16	110				125	80
19	Vacant	Salinas	Our Savior	1								33	5	1	1			26	27	50	4500		95	100	1	4	16				6	
20	W. J. Dentler	San Bernardino	First	1	1		6	2	3	8		5		5		1	1	50	96	173	6000	2195	700	140	1	6	60				50	5
21	E. P. Schueler	San Diego	First	1	1	2	7	30			1	9		5	5	2	1	130	215	279	20000	1400	2578	2947	1	15	65		40		137	145
22	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1			5	3	4			3	8					56	110	229	16500		750	117	1	2	29				28	10
23	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1	4		7	12	2	3	40	10	1	5	4	6	103	146	146	60000	4700	3193	164	1	12	62			17	107	101
24	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1			14	12	3	4	2	19		10	3		154	306	562	42000	6750	2590	70	1	10	58				185	35
25	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	*St. Mark's	1	2		36	8	54	1		86	23	32			¶	¶	1294	180000		¶	4000	4	16	148	6		46	86	350
26	E. Meyer	San Francisco	Temple	1	1		12		2			11						30	100	232	6500	750	660	500	1	12	88	12		29	75	15
27	§H. Wiemken	Sanger	*St. Paul's	1				3				7						60	150	170	4000	500	450	1400	1	5	50					
28	Vacant	San Jose	*Bethel	1	2							6		1				40	60	150	12000		766	210	1	12	116			30	97	
29	W. E. Crouser	San Jose	Grace	1	2		6	4	2	4	91	6	2				1	85	85	195	20000	2000	1732		1	12	110		10	21	86	54
30	H. C. Stafford	Santa Barbara	Grace	1	1			2	4	3	2	2				3	5	21	29	45	12000	1400	400		1	6	25			6	25	8
31	Totals for 1919			30		34	5	238	200	120	88	767	250	46	161	108	74	2966	4127	8418	$763250	$58592	$40002	$12338	33	342	2491	33	143	346	$3038	$1831
32	Totals for 1918			30		31	5	246	236	64	92	622	364	37	218	157	67	2921	5327	8517	742300	57920	40088	12833	30	332	2496	16	133	229	3320	1845
33	Increase					3				56		145		9				45			20950	672			3	10		17	10	117		
34	Decrease							8	36		4		14		57	49	93		1200	99			86	495			5				282	14

* Parsonage. ¶ Independent congregation. § In charge two months.

	Y. P. SOCIETIES				WOM. MISS. SOCIETIES					BRO'HDS.		DUES		BENEVOLENCE													
			Contribution																								
	Number of Societies.	Members.	For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subscriptions to "Woman's" Work."	Total Contributions, Local and Benev. Obj'ts	Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastor's Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1												$ 4	$ 7	$ 33	$ 11	$ 9	$ 8	$ 6		$ 4		$ 4	$ 2	$ 2	$ 106	$ 196	$ 810
2	1	15		30	1	18			88			3	6	33	10	11	7	5		4		3	2	23	118	225	743
3	1	18			1	24			234	1	17	3	7	27	17	5	8	5		5		3	2	2	135	219	3342
4	1	32	24	281	1	18	1	5	54			5	9	63	18	34	11	7	$ 52	6	$ 20	5	3	3	407	643	1464
5	1	24	10	15	1	30			42			14	19	78	25	17	16	13		8		8	3	3	35	239	1511
6	1	24	40	15	1	21			126	1	12	21	42	119	33	27		20					11	11		284	2466
7	1	25	16	21	1	12		4	38	1	12	5	9	42	14	12	10	8	38	5	10	5	2	2	61	223	1203
8	1	15	3	10	2	32		10	180			12	24	112	39	31	27	21	105	15	20	12	6	6	325	755	2325
9					4	130	29	71	582			47	94	434	151	122	104	80	359	57	24	47	24	24	1400	2967	8764
10	2	40	30	22	1	30		20	357			14	27	125	113	35	20	23	117	16		14	7	7	247	765	3248
11	1	15	5		1	19	1	17	75			8	15	70	109	20	17	13	64	9		8	4	4	85	426	1266
12	1	37	73	10	1	19	5	14	79	1	9	11	21	97	44	27	23	18	79	13		11	5	5	135	489	2350
13					1	25	2	18	71				21	97	33	27		18	71	12					75	354	1486
14												5	10	48	17	14	11	9		6		5	3	8	10	146	3695
15					1	15	4	11	90			4	8	39	13	11	9	7	90	5		4	2	2		194	853
16	1	10	8	3	1	14	7	18	121			8	17	77	27	22	18	14	121	10	7	8	4	11	173	517	1979
17					3	34	3	5	73			9	18	32				10	33						10	112	1312
18	1	25	44	30	1	65	10	15	155			23	40	99	89	20	16	20	155	5		5		5	337	814	3529
19												3	7	12				3								25	220
20					1	5		5	15			8	10	8	5			9						3	30	73	913
21	1	32	30	29	1	28		33	145			12	24	110	105	31	26	20	145	14		12	6	6	161	672	6197
22					1	57		5	68			3	7	7				3	54						35	109	976
23	2	21	76		1	18		14	136			9	10	65	49	20	10		136	11		5	5	5	101	426	3789
24	2	45	167	10	1	30		2	50			15	30	50	5	5	5	14	22	3		3	3	2	75	232	2892
25	1	42	50	80	1	126	3		1265																1695 ¶		8951
26	1	12			1	22	3	8	75			5	10	22	17	14	11	9		6		5	3	3	80	185	1345
27																											1850
28	1	15			1	10			7																		976
29	1	20	10		1	13	1	10	106			11	21	45	35				106	13				5	236	472	2204
30	1	12	10		1	10	1	6	30			2	4	18	6	5	4	3	4	2		2	1	1	40	92	492
31	23	479	596	556	32	825	70	291	4262	4	50	$ 264	$ 517	$1962	$ 985	$ 519	$ 361	$ 358	$1751	$ 229	$ 81	$ 169	$ 98	$ 143	$6112	$ 11854	$ 73145
32	25	556	588	492	29	740	68	283	3195	5	61	232	430	1997	645	517	396	344	1544	204	39	167	86	143	5815	12672	65335
33			8	64	3	85	2	8	1067			32	37		340	2		14	207	25	42	2	12		297		7810
34	2	77								1	11			35			35									818	

APPENDIX F—Apportionment 1919–1920

Pastorates	Churches	Locations	Communicant Membership.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Foreign Missions.	Northwestern Missions.	Immigrant Missions.	West Indies Missions.	Jewish Missions.	Inner Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Education.	Deaconess Work.	Home for Aged.	U. L. C. Treasury.	California Synod Treasury.	Ministerial Education.	California Home Missions.	Totals.
				.665	.406	.55	.056	.04	.095	.015	.02	.18	.275	.067	.04	.08	.20	.17	.50	$3.359
Alameda	Christ	Haight near Webster	30	$ 20	$ 12	$ 17	$ 2	$ 1	$ 3	$ 1	$ 1	$ 5	$ 8	$ 2	$ 1	$ 2	$ 6	$ 5	$ 15	$ 101
Alpaugh	First	East Center	31	21	13	17	2	1	3	1	1	6	9	2	1	2	6	5	16	106
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	59	39	24	32	3	2	6	1	1	11	16	4	2	5	12	10	30	198
Fresno	First	2514 Mariposa ave	62	41	25	34	3	2	6	1	1	11	17	4	2	5	12	11	31	206
Fresno	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	285	190	116	157	16	11	27	4	6	51	78	19	11	23	57	48	143	957
Fresno	Wartburg	D and Ventura	201	134	82	111	11	8	19	3	4	36	55	13	8	16	40	34	101	675
Glendale	First	5th and Maryland	50	33	20	28	3	2	5	1	1	9	14	3	2	4	10	9	25	169
Long Beach	Trinity	8th and Linden	120	80	49	66	7	5	11	2	2	22	33	8	5	10	24	20	60	404
Los Angeles	First	8th and Flower	484	322	197	266	27	19	46	7	10	87	133	32	19	39	97	82	242	1625
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	Vermont and 36th Place	140	93	57	77	8	6	13	2	3	25	39	9	6	11	28	24	70	471
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	71	47	29	39	4	3	7	1	1	13	20	5	3	6	14	12	36	240
Oakland	First	16th and Grove	105	70	43	58	6	4	10	2	2	19	29	7	4	8	21	18	53	354
Pasadena	Trinity	Los Robles and Walnut	102	68	41	56	6	4	10	2	2	18	28	7	4	8	20	17	51	342
Phoenix	Grace	6th and Filmore	59	39	24	32	3	2	6	1	1	11	16	4	2	5	12	10	30	198
Redlands	First	Olive and Myrtle	41	27	17	23	2	2	4	1	1	7	11	3	2	3	8	7	21	139
Riverside	Trinity	9th and Walnut	79	53	32	43	4	3	8	1	2	14	22	5	3	6	16	13	40	265
Sacramento	First	16th bet. J. and K.	77	51	31	42	4	3	7	1	2	14	21	5	3	6	15	13	39	257
Sacramento	St. John's	17th and L.	215	143	87	118	12	9	20	3	4	39	59	14	9	17	43	37	108	722
Salinas	Our Savior	Lincoln, nr. Alisal	26	17	11	14	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	2	1	2	5	4	13	87
San Bernardino	First	G bet. 6th and 7th	50	33	20	28	3	2	5	1	1	9	14	3	2	4	10	9	25	169
San Diego	First	2nd bet. A and Ash	130	86	53	72	7	5	12	2	3	23	36	9	5	10	26	22	.65	436
San Francisco	St. Andrew's	722 Union St.	56	37	23	31	3	2	5	1	1	10	15	4	2	4	11	10	28	187
San Francisco	First	Geary W. of Gough	103	68	42	57	6	4	10	2	2	19	28	7	4	8	21	18	52	348
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	16th and Dolores	154	102	63	85	9	6	15	2	3	28	42	10	6	12	31	26	77	517
San Francisco	Temple	Bay View and Latona	30	20	12	17	2	1	3	1	1	5	8	2	1	2	6	5	15	101
Sanger	St. Paul's	South N St.	60	40	24	33	3	2	6	1	1	11	17	4	2	5	12	10	30	201
San Jose	Bethel	Delmas, nr. Park	40	27	16	22	2	2	4	1	1	7	11	3	2	3	8	7	20	136
San Jose	Grace	2nd and Julian	85	57	35	47	5	3	8	1	2	15	23	6	3	7	17	14	43	286
Santa Barbara	Grace	Anacopa, nr. Figueroa	21	14	9	12	1	1	2	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4	4	11	74
Totals			2966	$ 1972	$ 1207	$ 1634	$ 165	$ 116	$ 283	$ 49	$ 62	$ 534	$ 815	$ 197	$ 116	$ 225	$ 592	$ 514	$ 1490	$ 9971

APPENDIX D, PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA SYNOD

ARTICLE ONE

THE SYNOD

Section I—The Name

The name and title of the Body organized under this Constitution shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

Section II—The Doctrinal Basis

(a) This Synod receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

(b) This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds—namely, the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian— as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

(c) This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

(d) This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Section III—The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ministers and congregations in unity with the Doctrinal Basis in Section II, received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister applying for admission and accepting this Constitution with its doctrinal basis, and whose ordination or transfer has the approval of the Examining Committee, may be received into membership in the order hereinafter provided.

3. Any congregation located within or contiguous to the natural bounds of the territory of this Synod, may, upon approval of the Executive Committee, be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

4. Every congregation shall be faithful to its obligations to this Synod in all matters of support, practice and church government.

5. Other members shall be such as are received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

Section IV—Objects, Duties and Powers

In accordance with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II of this Article, and in full accord with the Constitution of The

United Lutheran Church in America, this Body recognizes that all power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments.

Therefore this Body is organized

(a) To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5-6; Augsburg Confession, Article VII).

(b) To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; I Cor. 1:10); to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17); and to strengthen the congregations in faith, in confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

(c) To give outward expression to the spiritual unity of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

(d) To awaken, co-ordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregations in such operations as the following:

1. The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance and strengthening of institutions for the promotion of such training.

2. The extension of the Kingdom of God by the support of Home, Foreign and Inner Missions, under the administration and functions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

3. The proper regulation of the human externals of worship in the congregation and family, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, as well as the practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the Body of Christ.

4. The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in co-operation with the Boards, Committees, and Agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(e) To solicit and disburse funds, and to devise ways and means necessary for the purposes of the work defined in this Constitution.

(f) To ordain fitted men to the holy office of the Ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination or an unworthy or a wicked life.

(g) To maintain discipline unto the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

(h) To maintain a true connection and relation with The United Lutheran Church in America, and all its interests and obligations.

Section V—Distribution of Functions and Powers

The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall

be distributed into three departments: 1. The Synod. 2. The Ministerial Session. 3. The Conferences.

ARTICLE TWO

Meetings

1. A regular meeting of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the By-Laws.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Committee or the written request of one-fifth of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary, by publication in the official organ of The United Lutheran Church, at least four weeks in advance for regular meetings, and two weeks for special meetings.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1—The Officers

1. The Officers of the Synod shall be a President, a Secretary or Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at regular meetings of the Synod. Ministers only shall be eligible to the offices of President and Secretary. For administrative purposes the Synod may from time to time elect and designate other officers additional to those named in this paragraph.

2. The term of office of the President shall be two years; that of other officers one year or until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible to re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the same until the next regular meeting of the Synod.

4. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by their office, and such remuneration as the Synod may determine.

Section II—The President

1. The term of the office of the President shall begin on the first day of the month succeeding the month of his election.

2. He shall exercise supervision over all ministers and congregations connected with the Synod, and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the Church.

3. He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod, and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly obeyed, and its resolutions carried into effect.

4. As necessity arises he shall visit the congregations belonging to the Synod, and confer and advise with pastors and people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare.

5. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office, and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its By-Laws.

6. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, the President is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to sign the same and to affix the corporate seal of the Synod.

7. He shall annually submit to the Synod a report of all his official acts, except matters of a pastoral or private character, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section III—The Secretaries

1. There shall be a Secretary of the Synod as a corporation, who shall keep all official minutes of the Synod. He, with any other Secretaries which the Synod may elect, shall enter upon his duty on the first day of the month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The Secretary or Secretaries shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod, with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also a similar register of the congregations and parishes connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them. Accurate and faithful records of all the proceedings of the Synod and of the ministerial sessions shall be kept by the Secretary or Secretaries, who shall have charge of the printing and distribution of the Minutes, as directed by the Synod, and such other duties as the Synod may from time to time direct.

3. The Secretary of the Corporation is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod or required by the Constitution or necessary in carrying on the business of the Corporation, and signed and sealed by the President.

Section IV—The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the Treasurer shall begin on the first day of the month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The treasurer shall have charge of all the moneys and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues, and of its trust funds, except such as Synod may specially commit to other agents, holding the same at all times subject to the order of the Synod.

3. He shall receive and acknowledge all contributions, donations, legacies and bequests made to the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Executive Committee.

4. He shall keep a regular account with each congregation of the Synod, and from time to time during the Synodical year inform the Council or Vestry of each congregation of the state of this account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of the Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. By and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee he shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy of record any mortgages, judgments, notes or recorded evidences of indebtedness, upon the payment and receipt in full of the amounts so secured by the same, and to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans or judgments.

6. He shall deposit regularly all moneys received for any account of the Synod, and make all investments, in the name of and to the use of the Synod.

7. On entering upon his office he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the Executive Committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the President.

8. At each annual convention he shall render a full, detailed and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements in his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligations to The United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified.

ARTICLE FOUR

The Ministerial Session

1. The ordained members of the Synod shall constitute the Ministerial Session.

2. To the Ministerial Session shall belong the duty of passing upon and reporting to the Synod all applications for ordination or reception of ministers recommended by the Examining Committee; of examining and trying cases of heresy in doctrine or teaching and preaching what is in conflict with the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II; of hearing and trying, in executive session, cases in which appeal is granted by Synod from the findings of a Committee on Discipline; and of transacting such other business as the Synod may refer to it.

3. A regular Ministerial Session shall be held in connection with the annual convention of Synod, when the Examining Committee is prepared to report its recommendations in the matter of applicants for ordination or membership. Other sessions during the Annual Synodical Convention may be called by the President.

4. The Ministerial Session shall be subject to the rules of order governing a regular Synodical meeting; and one-third of the ministers belonging to Synod shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE FIVE

The Conferences

1. District Conferences shall be constituted, composed of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory, as from time to time determined by Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each Conference to care for the interests and development of the Church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the

Synod; and, with the consent of the President of Synod and the congregations concerned, to alter existing pastoral charges; to appoint a Mission Committee, of which the President of Conference shall be the chairman, to report and co-operate with the Synodical Mission Committee concerning missions and new mission fields within the Conference bounds under such rules as the Synod may from time to time adopt; and to attend to such other duties within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod.

3. Each Conference shall annually appoint a committee on systematic benevolence, of which the President of the Conference shall be chairman, to co-operate with the Synodical Treasurer (or such other official as Synod may appoint for the promotion of systematic benevolence), as a Committee of Ways and Means, and report to Conference on benevolence offerings, apportionments and uniform statistics.

4. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing or being located within the bounds of a Conference shall by that fact belong to that Conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod not actively serving pastorates shall be assigned Conference connection by the President of the Synod. If any portion of a pastoral charge is not within the boundary lines of the same Conference District, the place in which the pastor resides shall determine his own and the Conference connection of his pastoral charge.

5. Each Conference shall meet at least once in each year, and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Synod, the President of the Conference, or as may be otherwise determined by the Conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the Conference, together with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

6. Each Conference shall annually elect a minister to be President, and such other officers as may be necessary for the transaction of its business.

7. The Conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod or of the regulations and resolutions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

8. The President of the Synod shall have a voice and vote in meetings of each Conference.

9. The actions of a Conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

10. The President of each Conference shall make a written report, including an abstract of the proceedings of the Conference, stating also the condition and needs of the Church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the President of the Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE SIX

Section I—The Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Synod consisting of the President, the Secretary of the Corporation and

the Treasurer of the Synod, together with an equal number of ministers and laymen to be elected annually by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the Synod and to carry out its resolutions; to attend to the business of the Synod during the interim; to co-ordinate the work of the executive departments; to supervise and provide effective agencies for the laying and collection of apportionments; to promote the interests of the United Lutheran Church in America and this Body's relation thereto; to receive reports of the work and needs of the several Boards, Committees, and executive Agencies of the Synod and to present a budget with apportionments to the annual convention; to fill vacancies not otherwise provided for; and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by Synod, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

3. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod, and report thereon; recommend all appropriations to be made by the Synod, and without its approval no appropriations shall be made, except by a three-fourths vote of the Synod.

4. It shall hold regular meetings during the interim as Synod may determine. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod, or, in case of his death or removal, by the Executive Secretary of the Corporation. One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum.

5. It shall have power to appoint all necessary sub-committees from among its members. It shall also determine the amount of salary to be paid to any officer of the Synod entitled thereto, when not otherwise determined, and shall make appropriations to meet its necessary expenses.

Section II—The Mission Committee

1. There shall be a Committee on Missions, to consist of the President of Synod, three ministers and two laymen. A Missionary on the funds of the Board shall not be a member of the Committee unless he is President of the Synod, or by the express consent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. The Committee may elect a Secretary and Treasurer, and shall hold regular meetings as may be necessary (at least quarterly) to hear reports and consider all applications for aid and the needs of all missions and new fields on the Synodical territory.

3. It shall superintend and have charge of the missions on the territory of the Synod, under the direction and rules of the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The United Lutheran Church in America. It shall confer with the district General Superintendent of said General Board, and with him make a budget for the necessary funds to be expended on the Synodical territory for the year, which budget shall be submitted for approval to said General Board. The budget decided upon by the district General Superintendent and the Synodical Committee shall represent a maximum amount for the year.

4. The Committee on Missions shall also co-operate with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The United

Lutheran Church in America in matters of Church Extension funds.

5. The Committee shall endeavor to foster and cultivate a missionary spirit among the congregations of the Synod, and it shall advise with and assist Conference Committees in planting new Missions. It shall have charge of and superintend the work and activities of Inner Missions, of City and Seamen's, and other general missionaries whose salaries, either in whole or in part, are paid by the Synod; and such general missionaries shall render quarterly reports to the Committee.

6. The Committee on Missions shall, upon the direction of the Synod, elect a Synodical Missionary Superintendent; or, if Synod so decide, unite with the Synodical Committee of a neighboring Synod or Synods of The United Lutheran Church in America in the election of a District Missionary Superintendent, and shall make recommendation to the Synod for an apportionment sufficient to cover the salary and expenses of such Synodical or District Superintendent.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section I—Committee of Presidents

1. This Committee shall consist of the President of the Synod, who shall be its Chairman, and the Presidents of the Conferences.

2. The duty of this Committee shall be to advise with and assist the President of Synod in the discharge of the duties of his office; to confer with him concerning the needs of the Church on the territory of the respective Conferences, and to consider and advise with him concerning resolutions and needs of The United Lutheran Church in America to make the same effective in the congregations of the Synod; and to act upon such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the Synod.

3. This Committee shall make a record of all pastoral installations, cornerstone layings, dedications of Churches, etc., together with proper memoirs of ministers of the Synod deceased during the year; and report the same and all its actions to the annual convention of the Synod.

Section II—Committee on Ministerial Education

1. This Committee shall consist of the President of the Synod, and an equal number of ministers and layment to be appointed annually by the President of the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of this Committee to devise ways and means to encourage young men to prepare for the Ministry of the Gospel; to disburse such funds as the Synod shall appropriate or as may be granted by the Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church in America for the assistance of Students for the Ministry, and supervise their work under such rules as the Synod shall approve; and to present to the Synod all such information and recommendations regarding the work of Ministerial Education as may require consideration or action.

Section II—The Examining Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of not less than three ordained ministers of Synod who shall be appointed by the President of the Synod for a term of three years, in such manner

that the term of at least one member shall expire each year. No member shall be reappointed until a year shall have expired after the completion of his term of service.

2. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into the Synod, as provided in Article VII, Section I.

3. This Committee shall report to the Ministerial Session, and shall recommend such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article VII, Section I, but a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee present shall be necessary for recommendation.

ARTICLE EIGHT

The Reception of Members

Section I—Ministers

1. All applications for ordination or for reception into the Synod shall be made to the President and referred by him to the Examining Committee, which shall report on the same to the Ministerial Session; and upon the recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Ministerial Session, the final decision shall be made by the Synod.

2. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall sign this Constitution prior to admission into membership.

A. Applicants for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of the Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the Ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applications for ordination shall present to the Examining Committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character and also of the course pursued in theological study.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Committee that he has received a regular call from a congregation, a Synod or a Church Board, to a specific field of ministerial labor, and that he has accepted such call upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call may present himself for examination, and if approved by the Examining Committee, he may be favorably reported by the Ministerial Session and recommended to the Synod for ordination—which shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the President that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of the provisions of this Constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

B. Of Ordained Ministers

1. Any regularly ordained minister of a constituent Synod

of The United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, shall furnish evidence of his ordination and Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal issued by the Synod from which he comes; he shall present himself for consultation to the Examining Committee; and, if, on favorable report of said Committee to the Ministerial Session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

2. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, belonging to a Synod not constituent of The United Lutheran Church in America, who may apply for admission into the Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America; and if, on favorable report from the Examining Committee to the Ministerial Session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

3. A minister coming from an Ecclesiastical Body other than Lutheran shall, with his application for membership, present satisfactory evidence of his ordination and his Christian character, as well as his good standing in the Body with which he was formerly connected. His application and testimonials shall be referred to the Examining Committee, who, in colloquium with the applicant, shall ascertain his knowledge and acceptance of Lutheran doctrine and practice, especially the doctrinal basis and usages of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America. If such examination warrant, the Examining Committee shall, in each instance, recommend to the Ministerial Session the action to be taken; and if, on favorable report of the Committee, two-thirds of the ministers present and voting shall approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

Section II—Reception of Congregations

A congregation desiring admission to the Synod shall place in the hands of the President a formal application signed by the Secretary of the Church Council and by the Pastor, and shall send a representative to the meeting of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its Constitution, and of its Charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the requirements of the Constitution of the Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of the Synod at any meeting. Contemplated changes of its Constitution, affecting its articles on Faith, adherence to the Synod and The United Lutheran Church in America, and disposition of its property, shall be reported to the President of the Synod for his approval.

ARTICLE NINE

Section I—Ministers

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have become such by ordination or by reception from another Synod in accordance with Article Eight of this Constitution. Their

membership shall cease only by death, by regular transfer and reception into another Synod, or by process under Article Eleven. They become pastors by being regularly called to serve a congregation or pastoral charge of the Synod, and after their installation as such upon the approval of the President of the Synod.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations the Synod may include and continue upon its ministerial roll such who, although without a pastoral charge, hold educational, executive, missionary or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod or by The United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted Boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching, and teaching, to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by The United Lutheran Church in America; he shall care for the people under his pastorate as individuals and as congregations in common faith and harmonious interest with all other members and congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America; give catechetical instruction regularly; confirm; perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the laws of God and of the State; visit and minister to the sick and infirm; bury the dead; install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, with the Council, administer discipline; supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation, and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland, and abroad. To this end he shall seek out and encourage young men having proper natural gifts and qualifications to prepare for ordination to the Holy Ministry of the Gospel; co-operate with the agencies and officers of Conference and Synod in every way to educate the people to increase their liberality for the causes of benevolence recommended by the Synod or supported by The United Lutheran Church in America; and shall use his best endeavor to stimulate piety in the individual and family life of the people, as well as a knowledge of the Church and her work by the circulation of the literature of the Church.

5. The pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members dismissed, deceased or excommunicated, together with a roster of all communicant members of his charge, keeping the record of each congregation in a pastoral charge in a separate book, which shall be the property of the congregation; and shall annually report an accurate abstract of these statistics to the Synod or to an official appointed by the Synod for that purpose, for publication in a Synodical table of Parochial Reports.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate or pastoral charge of a brother minister, except upon his request or with his consent; nor shall he visit

and preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant charge or congregation except upon formal invitation of the Church Council, or the consent or appointment of the President of the Synod.

7. Should a minister belonging to this Synod find himself constrained to demit the regular duties of the ministry, his name shall be continued upon the roll as a member; but if he engages in any business or office incompatible with the nature of the Holy Office of the Ministry, such act shall be sufficient reason why the Synod, upon recommendation of the Ministerium, should strike his name from its membership roll. In this connection the Committee of Presidents is charged to report annually to the Ministerial Session for consideration and reference a full list of all others than superannuated or physically incapacitated ministers on the roll for a period of two or more years, who have not been engaged in regular ministerial work as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Section, and the Ministerium shall decide when the name of a disengaged minister is to be recommended to the Synod to be dropped from the roll of members.

8. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this Synod, he shall, upon application to the President, be entitled to, and the President shall furnish him with, a certificate of honorable dismissal; but until formally received into the membership of the Synod to which he has been dismissed he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

9. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his congregation or pastoral charge remove into the bounds of another, to urge such members to connect themselves with the congregation into whose territory they have removed; to immediately notify the pastor of said pastoral charge of such removal; and, upon application, to furnish certificates of transfer to such as are entitled to the same.

10. When the Synod deems that loyalty to the Word of God requires it, it shall advise, admonish, and exercise discipline concerning the association and affiliation of its ministers with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices the Synod shall deem to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church. (See Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, Art. VII, Section 6.)

11. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod, the Ministerial Session, and the Conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the Secretary an excuse for his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

Section II—Licentiates

1. In case of a lack of ordained ministers available to serve all the pastorates of the Synod, or for special pastoral service as need may arise, Theological students, of general qualifications fitted for ministry and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Luth-

eran Church, may be licensed by the Synod to preach and perform ministerial acts in charge of a pastorate to which they have been regularly called, or appointed by the President of Synod as supply pastors, for a period of time, on condition, however, that such licentiates agree to return to a Theological Seminary after a period of licensed service and complete their studies for graduation in the usual course as applicants for ordination.

2. Before accepting a call, a licentiate shall obtain the consent of the President of Synod.

3. All applications for licensure shall be made to the President of Synod and by him be referred to the Examining Committee.

4. Applicants for licensure shall appear before the Examining Committee, who, upon satisfactory evidence of fitness, may recommended such applicants to the Ministerial Session for licensure.

5. A licentiate shall have power to perform all ministerial acts, and represent his pastorate as a delegate to the Synod or Conference during the time specified in his license as if he were ordained.

6. After a licentiate has taken charge, he shall not leave the same during the time of his license without the consent or call of the President of Synod.

7. All licenses issued by order of the Synod shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Synod, but may, at the recommendation of the Ministerium, be renewed for one succeeding year.

8. Every licentiate shall keep an accurate journal of his ministerial acts, which, with at least four sermons preached by him, and his certificate of licensure, he shall deliver to the President of Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod, for the inspection of the Examining Committee.

9. Should the attention of the President of Synod be directed by common rumor or complaint to alleged offenses or incapacity of any licentiate of the Synod, he shall immediately investigate the matter; and, should he deem such action necessary, he shall immediately recall and annul the license of such licentiate.

ARTICLE TEN

The Congregations

1. It shall be the duty of the Church Council or Councils of every pastoral charge belonging to the Synod to appoint annually from its communicant members in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent the charge at all meetings of Synod and of Conference, and submit his report to the parish; and the congregation or pastoral charge shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's regular expenses to be in full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod, as it has a share in all its acts and supervision, shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, decisions and recommendations of the Synod and local Conference, and conform its public worship and

ministrations to the order used by The United Lutheran Church in America and approved by the Synod. It shall observe and make systematic effort to meet at least the apportioned amount of contributions to the treasury of the Synod, and afford to all its members a regular channel of contribution for the benevolent operations of the Church, the minimum amount being indicated by a budget of apportionments by Synod to the Congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the Synodical Treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due and liberal provision for the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments, endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's Day and see that the pastor is properly supported; and make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families and for the Christian training of the young.

3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in a congregation, the Church Council shall seek the advice and instruction of the President of the Synod.

4. In cases of strife and division, should any part of a congregation belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against the Constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of the Synod, that part of the congregation, whether majority or minority of its members, which continues in unity with the Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation.

5. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this Constitution or with the accepted regulations of The United Lutheran Church in America.

6. Should a pastor resign, the Church Council shall receive the letter of resignation and refer the same to the congregation for its action; and at once report the fact to the President of the Synod.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Discipline

Section I—Offenses

The offenses for which members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

(a) Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II.

(b) Conduct incompatible with moral purity or with the character of the ministerial office.

(c) Wilful disregard and violation of the constitution, authority, and resolutions of the Synod.

Section II—Penalties

1. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:

(a) Private censure and admonition by the President.

(b) Public censure and admonition in any session of the Synod or Conference.

(c) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period, or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.

(d) Exclusion from the Synod.

(e) Deposition from the ministerial office.

2. Should any congregation belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II; neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the President of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian Church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through applied benevolences; or wilfully disregard and violate the constitution and resolutions of the Synod and persist in such disregard and violation, it shall be excluded from membership in this Synod.

Section III—Processes Againts a Minister

A. The Bringing of Charges

1. By a Congregation

If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before a Church Council by (six?) voting members in the congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Congregation, the Council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

If, in the judgment of the Church Council a prima facie case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its findings in writing to the President of the Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded on the subscribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the Church Council shall ignore the accusation the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the President of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if it fails or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the President of the Synod.

2. By Members of the Synod

Three members of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister, but such charges must be specific, in writing, and signed by them.

3. By the President of the Synod

Should the attention of the President of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its members he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal. Should he fail in his efforts, or should he deem such action necessary, he shall appoint a committee of investigation as hereafter provided.

B. The Preliminary Investigation

In Cases That May Require A Formal Trial

If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the President by a congregation, or by three members of the Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter; and, if the accused should desire an in-

vestigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the President shall order such investigation by the Conference, or he may appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before said committee to make answer to the charges.

When such investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the President, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality, or flagrant trangression, the same shall at once be reported to the President of the Synod, who shall immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

If the findings of the investigation show sufficient evidence of guilt, besides reporting the case to the President, the Conference or committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and the President of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at said meeting, when his case shall be heard and decided.

C. The Trial

When charges have been brought against a minister of the Synod and the preliminary investigation has shown that a formal trial is necessary, the President shall report the matter to the next annual meeting of the Synod, or to a special meeting called for the purpose, and the case shall be referred to a Committee on Discipline consisting of not less than (fifteen?) members. The charges and specifications against the accused shall be presented, in his presence if he desires it. The accused shall have the right and opportunity to be fully heard and to call witnesses in his own defense, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod. The Committee on Discipline shall hear all relevant testimony, and shall present its findings to the Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall also recommend the penalty to be inflicted. The findings of the Committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the Committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in secret session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the Committee on Discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties shall be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines that are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this Constitution, the Committee on Discipline shall consist entirely of ministers, and shall report its findings to the Ministerial Session; but the accused may appeal to the said Ministerial Session against the findings of the Committee, in which case the Minis-

terial Session shall proceed to try the charges. In acting upon the report of the Committee on Discipline or in its trial of charges, the Ministerial Session shall take a vote upon two counts; First, Is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, Is the accused guilty of preaching or teaching such doctrines? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only upon a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The Ministerial Session shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than suspension from the Ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recanation of the errors because of which he has been suspended.

When the Synod has made final decision in the case of the trial of a minister, the President of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty, the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body; also, if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty, and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

If in any case new evidence shall be presented to the President which shall be sufficient in his judgment to warrant a retrial, he shall present the evidence to the Synod, and the latter shall decide whether the case shall be reopened. When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special meeting of the Synod to consider the matter.

The proceedings in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole, before the final decision is reached and the result officially declared.

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's Constitution, but a pastor or member of any congregation belonging to the Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals, whether on the part of the pastor or a member of the congregation, must be made in writing to the President of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of said appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal, the President of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to the Conference with which the congregation is connected, or to a special committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or finding of the Conference or committee shall be reported to the President of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod at its subsequent meeting shall determine otherwise.

No minister or layman while under discipline or sentence of suspension shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, delegation, or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

It shall also be the duty of all pastors and congregations

belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to discipline.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The Synod shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Section I—The Seal and This Constitution

1. The Seal of the Synod presents the Golden Gate entrance to San Francisco Bay, with one ship in the foreground and one in the distance; above which is an open book, bearing the words, "Lux fiat," underneath which are the words, "Organized April 2, 1891;" and around which are the words, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California."

2. The Seal shall be in charge of the President of the Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, licenses, etc., requiring the Seal of the Synod.

Section II.

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, insofar as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of the Synod, the Ministerial Session and the Conferences.

2. Section II of Article One (Subject, the Doctrinal Basis) of this Constitution shall not be altered nor amended by this Synod.

3. Other articles of the Constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting, provided that such proposed amendment be moved and presented in writing by not less than four members at a previous regular annual meeting.

4. Everything in any By-Law, resolution, or enactment of the Synod differing or in conflict with this Constitution is hereby superseded and repealed.

Appendix E.

BY-LAWS

1. Rules of Order

(1) No subject shall be discussed without being first properly presented in the form of a written motion with a second; and the mover shall, with the consent of the second, have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before it is amended, or before the question is taken.

(2) If any proposition or motion contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

(3) An amendment, to be in order, must refer to the subject under consideration; nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

(4) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except (1) to adjourn, (2) to lay on the table, (3) to close debate, (4) to postpone to a specified time, (5) to refer to a committee, (6) to amend, (7) to postpone indefinitely —which motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are numbered.

(5) A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is on the floor speaking.

(6) The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely shall be taken without debate.

(7) The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question when requested by four members of the convention.

(8) No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the convention.

2. Additional Officers and Duties

(1) Vice-President. He shall perform the duties of the President at any time that the latter may be incapacitated by the Synodical Constitution, and at all times he shall render the President such assistance as he may request.

(2) The Statistician. He shall prepare the Parochial Report of Synod from the reports submitted by the pastors, which, with the apportionment table for the ensuing year, he shall have ready for presentation at the first business session of Synod.

(3) Historian. He shall gather and preserve all Synodical records, papers, documents, etc., as well as those from congregations of Synod, which may be deemed of historic value to the Synod of California.

(4) Superintendent of Missions. His duties shall be those agreed upon between the Board of H. M. and Ch. E., of the U. L. C. and the H. M. Committee of California Synod. He shall be ex-officio a member of the H M. Committee, and its Secretary.

(5) These officers shall be elected annually at the same time the other officers are elected.

3. Additional Committees and Duties

(1) **State of Church.** The Committee on the State of the Church shall, in systematic manner, gather data from the various pastors and congregations on the material and spiritual condition and work of our various churches, including inquiry into the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and report on the same to Synod.

(2) **Minutes of Synod.** The Committee on Minutes of Synod shall see that the certified copies of the Minutes have been prepared and have been delivered to the proper persons; and it shall examine the Protocal and see that the items for the same have been properly and accurately recorded. It shall also bring to the notice of Synod any deferred or unfinished business held over from one convention of Synod to another.

(3) **Church Auxiliaries.** This Committee shall present an annual report to Synod covering the work of the various Auxiliaries of the Churches; and propose methods for increased

efficiency. It shall have as its especial duty the fostering and encouraging of Lutheran Brotherhoods and Luther Leagues.

(4) **Reference and Council.** This Committee shall prepare the detailed program of Synod, subject to the approval of Synod; and such program having been adopted shall not be deviated from, save by a two-thirds vote of Synod, and said vote shall be taken without debate. To this Committee shall be referred all requests for a place on the program, which requests shall be referred to Synod, if the Committee so determines, or shall be refused by it.

(5) **Publicity.** The business of this Committee shall be to report the proceedings of the Convention. It shall consist of two members, one of whom shall be the Pastor of the Church entertaining Synod.

4. Trustees and Size of Committees

(1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Ministers and two laymen, elected annually by Synod. The Executive Committee shall be the legal Trustees of this Synod.

(2) The Ministerial Education Committee shall consist of the President of Synod and one Minister and one layman, appointed annually by the President.

5. California Educational Institution

Directors of the California Educational Institution

(1) The management and control of the California Educational Institution of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be vested in a board of nine directors, six of whom shall be ministers and three laymen, to be elected by ballot.

(2) The term of office of these directors shall be three years.

(3) Two clerical and one lay director shall be chosen each year.

(4) The Board of Directors shall present an annual report to Synod, in which the status, progress, needs, and condition of the material and spiritual interests of the Institution are indicated in detail.

6. Conferences

This Synod shall be formed into two Conference Districts, divided by the Northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

7. The Meetings of Synod

(1) This Synod shall meet annually at 10 a. m. on the Tuesday occurring on or first after, the 10th day of September.

(2) The Treasurer's books shall close at midnight the 15th of August preceding.

(3) The Secretary shall notify the members of Synod, and send out the necessary blanks to them, six weeks before the opening of Synod.

(4) Pastors and congregations shall send their Parochial Reports to the Statistician not later than August 20, preceding. Failure to comply with this By-Law will forfeit to the Pastor his allowance from Synod for railroad fares.

(5) The traveling expenses of each Pastor to and from Synod shall be borne by the Synodical Treasury, in proportion to the amount contributed by his congregation to the Synodical Treasury apportionment for the two preceding years. By traveling expenses is meant simply railroad fare by the most direct route, and on the best possible reduced rates.

(5) The Treasurer, who is ex-officio a member of Synod, shall have his traveling expenses to and from Synod paid from the Synodical Treasury.

(6) All reports and resolutions presented to Synod shall be made out in duplicate before handing to the Secretary.

8. Congregations

(1) **Call to Pastor.** No congregation shall extend a call to a Pastor until it has fulfilled its financial obligations to its former Pastor.

(2) **Installations.** Every Pastor, upon entering his charge, shall be installed by the President of Synod, or under his instruction. Failure to comply with this By-Law will subject congregation and Pastor to discipline.

9. Matters Affecting Officers

(1) The Treasurer shall furnish an annual bond of $.....

(2) The salary of the Secretary shall be $..... annually.

(3) The Secretary is empowered to furnish official stationery for the officers of Synod, for which funds from the Synodical Treasury shall be available.

10. Official Record

Copies of the printed Minutes, certified by the Secretary, shall be the official record of the proceedings of the Conventions. There shall be five certified copies prepared, two each for the Historian and Secretary, and one for the President. These certified copies shall be bound into one volume for every ten years.

11. Amendments, etc

(1) These By-Laws may be altered or amended on the conditions for amending the Constitution, (Art. 13, Sec. 2;-3) a year's notice alone excepted.

(2) All previous By-Laws and standing resolutions are hereby repealed, save as they are repeated or reproduced in these By-Laws.

I hereby certify that the foregoing 59 pages, as corrected by pen and ink, are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 29th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

Attest. George H. Hillerman
Secretary.

DIRECTORY 1919-1920

Officers

President.....Mrs. D. J. Snyder
730 E. 9th Street, Long Beach

Vice-President, North.....Mrs. W. E. Crouser
215 Delmas Avenue, San Jose

Vice-President, South.....Mrs. W. S. Dysinger
1419 Sixth Avenue, Los Angeles

Secretary, North.....Mrs. E. A. Trabert
2804 Webster Street, Berkeley

Secretary, South.....Mrs. J. W. Ball
1175 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles

Statisticial Secretary.....Miss Kate Stuber
1523 P Street, Sacramento

Treasurer.....Mrs. E. C. Bentz
4652 Mascot Street, Los Angeles

Historian.....Mrs. J. E. Hoick
415 S. Evergreen Street, Los Angeles

Department Secretaries

Thank Offering.....Mrs. G. H. Hillerman
472 Jean Street, Oakland

Young People & Mission Bands.....Mrs. J. E. Stermer
928 Echo Avenue, Fresno

Home Department.....Mrs. D. L. Kinser
Lamauda Park

Literature.....Miss Rosa Flathman
741 Adeline Street, Oakland

Annuity.....Mrs. J. H. Harpster
1616 E. First Street, Los Angeles

Magazine.....Miss Kate Stuber

Lace Department.....Mrs. Emil Meyer
1363 Palou Avenue, San Francisco

NEXT CONVENTION

First Church, San Diego, Sept. 15-17, 1920.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

HELD IN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OAKLAND,

September 16-18, 1919

FIRST SESSION

September 16, 1919.

The members of Convention participated in the Synodical Communion Service at 10 A. M.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2:00 o'clock.

The devotional service was conducted by Miss Rosa Flathman, Oakland.

Mrs. D. J. Snyder, President, called the meeting to order and declared the formal opening of the Convention.

Credentials were presented by the following:

San Jose, Grace.....Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. K. J. Granander
San Francisco, First.....Mrs. J. R. Braeuer
Oakland, First.....Mrs. A. Swanson
San Francisco, St. Andrew's.....Mrs. A. Jatho
Sacramento, English.....Mrs. W. H. Catron
Sacramento, St. John's.....Mrs. G. Braunley, Miss Kate Stuber
Fresno, English.....Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. Stermer
Santa Barbara, Grace.....Mrs. H. C. Stafford
Los Angeles, First, and Young Women.....Mrs. W. S. Dysinger
Los Angeles, St. Mark's....Mrs. Ralph Sprado, Mrs. C. E. Biehler
San Diego, First.....Mrs. Kate Binder, Miss A. R. Leidig
Riverside, Trinity.....Mrs. H. J. Weaver, a. e.
Long Beach, Trinity.....Mrs. Lena Meiers
San Bernardino.....Mrs. W. J. Deutler

Additional Officers and Pastors' Wives

Long Beach.....Mrs. D. J. Snyder

San Francisco.....Mrs. H. C. Funk
Los Angeles, St. Mark's.....Mrs. J. W. Ball
Oakland.....Mrs. G. H. Hillerman
Los Angeles.....Mrs. J. H. Harpster

Upon motion, pastors' wives were made members of the Convention.

Greetings were presented by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Oakland. The Response, by Mrs. C. F. Oehler, Sacramento, was read by Miss Kate Stuber.

Greetings were presented also by Mrs. Anseen on behalf of St. Paul's Swedish Church, in whose building the Convention met.

Letters of greeting were received from Mrs. J. G. Traver, President of the General Body; Mrs. G. W. Snyder, President of the First Lutheran Woman's Missionary Society in America, and Mrs. Walter C. Weier, Treasurer of the General Body.

"These Forty Years," a paper, covering very briefly the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church from the time of its inception until the present, was read by Mrs. J. E. Stermer, Fresno.

"Inner Missions" was ably presented by Mrs. J. R. Braeuer, San Francisco.

Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, Los Angeles, gave an interesting talk on some of the activities of the African Mission field, mentioning the new hospital and the doctors and nurses soon to be on the field. She had some of the school work on exhibition.

Mrs. J. H. Harpster was present at the farewell service held in Dr. Pohlman's Church in Philadelphia, for Dr. and Mrs. Neilson. She described the service for the benefit of the Convention.

Memorial service for Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Treasurer of the California Synodical Society for eleven years.

The following was prepared by Mrs. H. J. Weaver of Riverside, and was followed by a few remarks by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman of Oakland, who had been intimately acquainted with Mrs. Reimer for a number of years. She gave a glimpse of her personal life and impressed upon the memories of those present, her faithfulness and loyalty.

Tribute to Mrs. Leora Katherine Reimer

While we had known of our Sister's failing health, the news of her death was a great shock to us. There came to us anew visions and thoughts of the past.

Leora Katherine Reimer lived her religion in her beautiful home life, in her social intercourse with neighbor and friend, in her church life where she labored for her Master in every department.

We always felt Mrs. Reimer's counsel was sound and wise. Ever ready to do her part, her place will be hard to fill. In the Sabbath School the faithful teacher will be greatly missed; at the church service she cordially greeted friend and stranger. Active in all societies of the church, her deep love for the Missionary work found expression in service. Labor in my vine-

yard, saith the Lord. To her the Lord's vineyard was not bounded by the confines of the local church, of our California Synodical Society, nor yet of the general organization, but to the uttermost parts of the earth her sympathy and love went forth on the wings of prayer.

Mrs. Reimer will be missed in Riverside. She will be missed in the California Synodical Society, whose Treasurer she was for eleven years. In all that time, her reports and remittances to the General Treasurer were never late. Kindly courtesy and promptness characterized all dealings with friend and business associate. Her last Synodical report was typed and signed the week before the Lord took her home to be with Him in glory and to await the coming of loved ones.

In her home the brightness and sweetness of her life shone forth clear and serene as those of us who have shared the hospitality of that home well know. The Lord of love and gladness was ever a guest and as the years wore on and the cross of suffering was hers to bear, still the Lord of love and grace was there. "My grace is sufficient for thee" must have been on her lips very often. For to the end her pleasant words, her sweet courtesy, never failed.

Miss her we shall most keenly and we sorrow with her loved ones who so bravely travel on amid the enveloping shadows, but ever looking to Jesus their Savior and friend, who doeth all things well.

Who can estimate the influence of such a Godly and gracious life? We rejoice that we have had the privilege of knowing and loving such an one and that some day
"In the clear morning of that other country, in Paradise,
With the same face that we have loved and cherished" she will greet us.

There is no death; the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

MRS. H. J. WEAVER.

Upon motion an offering was taken to be applied upon a Memorial Membership for Mrs. J. F. Reimer.

Offering, $13.23.

Mrs. Sprado, Mrs. Gruver and Mrs. Funk were a committee appointed by the President to attend the funeral of Mrs. Feix.

Session closed with prayer and Missionary Benediction.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 9:30 A. M.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Mrs. L. Daglow, San Francisco.

Roll call. Minutes.

The following Committees were appointed:

President's Report—Mrs. H. C. Funk, Miss R. Flathman.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Miss A. Leidig, Mrs. J. R. Braeuer.

Historian's Report—Miss K. Stuber, Mrs. H. Nelson.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. R. Sprado, Mrs. K. J. Granauder.

Department Secretaries Reports—Mrs. J. H. Harpster, Mrs. Catron.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, Mrs. W. E. Crouser.

Reporter for Lutheran Woman's Work and The Lutheran—Mrs. H. C. Stafford.

Reports made as follows:

Magazine Secretary—Miss Kate Stuber.

Annuity Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

Report of Thank Offering Secretary

The report of your Trank Offering Secretary is most gratifying, since we are able to record the largest Thank Offering in our history, $502.

It is a source of satisfaction that we have attained our desired goal, namely $500.

This was done despite the fact that few Public meetings were held last fall, (owing to prevailing epidemic) testifying to the interest manifested by our loyal women.

California has established an enviable record for promptness, in that all her Thank Offering funds were reported at the proper time, in December quarter. Let each society do its part to help maintain the good record this year. According to new schedule, all Thank Offering money must be in the hands of our new Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Bentz, before January 20, 1920.

We are urged to make even a more generous Thank Offering the coming year in order that new Missionaries may be sent to Foreign Fields.

Your careful and prayerful attention is directed to this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN, Secretary.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Date of Organization, April 28, 1892.

Number of Women's Societies	18
Number of Children's Bands	2
Total number of Societies	20
Grand Total of Members	513
Total Active Members	425
Total Honorary Members	66
Total Cradle Roll Members	22
Total Life Members	79
Total Memorial Members	10
Total Home Department Members	1
Total Members in Woman's Societies	482

Total Members in Children's Bands 31
Total Number Lutheran Woman's Work 308
Total Number Lutheran Boys and Girls 107

KATE J. STUBER, Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Literature Secretary

Until July of this year tracts were sent out each month. In July announcements were sent to the Societies informing them of the change from the monthly tract to the program packet which covers six months.

A leaflet is just off the press telling the inspiring story of the heroic work of Dr. Anna Kugler. It is 5c per copy.

A leaflet packet covering the first six months of next year and based on the foreign study-book "The Crusade of Compassion," is now being prepared.

It is recommended that a Literature Secretary be appointed in each Society whose duty it shall be to look after the literature interests of her Society, endeavoring to develop a useful leaflet file for future reference

Respectfully submitted,
ROSA FLATHMAN.

Report 40th Anniversary Chest

Contributions to the F. A. F. are as follows:

1917-18	$ 89.00
1918-19	225.00
Special	22.93
Previously contributed (1915-17)	70.00
Total	$406.93

One Society, L. A. First, raised $50.00 the last quarter and honored Mrs. Dysinger by placing her name in the chest.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. J. WEAVER, Secretary.

Report of Y. P. S. and Mission Band Secretary

Your Y. P. S. and Mission Band Secretary reports only five Mission Bands. She has written fourteen letters and fifteen postcards in regard to the work during the year.

We regret very much that we cannot report an increase over last year, but we feel that we need not be discouraged as several Societies reported that they hoped to start a Mission Band in the near future. We trust these good intentions may be successfully carried out, as there is no surer way of training our young people along Missionary lines, and we all know that we need many more workers than we have in order to fulfill His command: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." We trust that in the year just before us much may be accomplished in this work.

MRS. DORA RINDE.

Historian's Report

Life Members

1918

Miss Gladys Bohn, Oakland.

1919

Mrs. Theresa D. Combs, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Myra Ruth Noel, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Henry Eigenbrod, Riverside.
Mrs. C. S. Castleman, Riverside.
Mrs. Edwin C. Bentz, First, Los Angeles.
Miss Mabel A. Dysinger, First, Los Angeles.
Mrs. J. M. Peters, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. K. V. Over, San Diego.
Mrs. A. Kilmer, San Diego.

Honorary Life Members

1919

Frederick Andrew Noel, St. Mark's, Los Angeles.
William Esterly, Glendale.

Memorial Members

1919

Benjamin F. Combs, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. L. E. Garrett, First, Los Angeles.

Life Members Who Have Died

1918

Mrs. P. J. Mays, First, Los Angeles.
Mrs. D. Knackstedt, Oakland.

1919

Mrs. R. Rieser, First, Los Angeles.
Mrs. C. Albright, First, Los Angeles.
Mrs. J. F. Reimer, Riverside.

Summary

Life members that have been enrolled	100
Number that have died	12
Life members at present	72
Honorary life members	16
Memorial members	3

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. E. HOICK, Historian.

Treasurer's Report

Sent to Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	$463.00	
Thank Offering	502.00	
Christmas Offering	32.00	
Life Membership	100.00	
Memorial Membership	25.00	
India Bed Fund	66.00	
May Memorial Fund	32.00	
Girls' School, India	60.00	
Girls' School, Africa	1.00	
Native Worker, India	25.00	
40th Anniversary Chest	225.00	
40th Anniversary Special	10.65	
Delegates' Expenses to Conventions	44.00	
Box Work	3.25	
		$1588.90
Mrs. W. C. Weier, Life Membership		10.00
Seminary Fund		134.11
Interest on Seminary Fund		5.38

SYNODICAL EXPENSES

President, Postage	$5.15	
President, Telephone	.70	
President, Programs	5.25	
Recording Secretary South, Postage	2.60	
Recording Secretary North, Postage	.35	
Corresponding Secretary, Postage	3.00	
Literature Secretary	4.50	
Treasurer, Postage	5.00	
40th Anniversary Chest	25.00	
Treasurer California Synod, Printing Minutes	35.00	
Synodical Stationery	7.25	
Miss Elizabeth Stephens, Treasurer So. Summer School of Missions	15.00	
Borrowed from Seminary Fund	28.30	
Interest on Amount Borrowed	.38	
		137.48
Total		$1875.85
Receipts		1862.08
Overdraft		$ 13.77

(See Appendix A)

Auditor's Report

Riverside, Cal., Sept. 13, 1919.

We, as Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have checked the books of the Treasurer with her reports and find they agree.

W. E. WEAVER.
WM. SAMUELSON.

Treasurer's Report adopted as audited.

Mrs. W. S. Dysinger reported for the Southern Conference.

President's Report

"When they had come and gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that the Lord had done with them."—Acts 14:27.

Members of the Women's Missionary Society:

Again through the Providence of God we are assembled in our Annual Convention. We have come together to rehearse the work of the past year and to plan for the future. We want to get such inspiration and enthusiasm that we may go back to our Societies more zealous than ever in the great cause of Missions and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the world.

Many blessings call for gratitude from each and every one of us. Since we last met the great war has ceased and loved ones have been returned. To my knowledge none of our members died in the terrible epidemic which for months swept over the world. Last fall three great bodies of the Lutheran Church merged and we are a part of the United Lutheran Church in America. Forty years we have been privileged to labor together, assisting in the all important task of evangelizing the world. The work of our Synodical Society has advanced and the reports of the past year have been some of the most encouraging ever submitted. For these and countless other blessings we should render hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father, recognizing Him as the "Giver of every good and perfect gift."

Our Foreign Work

Through the Merger our Foreign Work has been enlarged It is with joy we accept the larger opportunities and greater responsibilities before us. Japan being our next door neighbor, the work in that land should appeal especially to the women of California.

General Work

New Name. Your attention is called to the **new name** of our Missionary organization. We are no longer known as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, but together with the women of the General Council and the United Synod of the South are the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

New Headquarters. The Literature Headquarters are now located at 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, and the Headquarters of the Executive Board are at 803 Fulton Building, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Worker's Conference. A Workers' Conference was held in Pittsburg the first week in September to plan the work of the new Society. Mrs. J. H. Harpster was our representative and will report the Conference at this Convention.

Synodical Work

Secretaries. Miss Sara Leisenring, who was elected Secretary of Young People's and Mission Bands at the last Convention, was unable to serve. Mrs. Dora Rinde was appointed and has served in that capacity the past year.

In response to a request from Mrs. L. K. Sandford, Secretary of the Life Membership and "In Memoriam" Departments, for a Synodical Secretary for her department, Mrs. J. E. Hoick was appointed.

New Constitution. The new Constitution for Synodical Societies will be submitted to this Convention for action.

Quarterly Reports. The Quarterly Reports to the Synodical Secretary and Treasurer are hereafter to be remitted in October, January, April and July, and not as formerly.

Lutheran Woman's Work. Subscriptions to this magazine have been nearly doubled in the last four years. Notwithstanding this fact the circulation should be increased. An earnest effort should be made to place the magazine in every home, that Missionary information and interest may be extended in our congregations.

Mission Study Classes. Wherever possible these classes should be formed for the study of the home book, "Christian Americanization." If no teacher can be procured, form a reading circle that the members of each society may have the advantage of the study of this book.

New Society. We are glad to report the organization of a Woman's Society in the First Lutheran Church of Fresno.

I cannot close without a mention of one who has gone from us, Mrs. J. F. Reimer, our Synodical Treasurer. Last year at the Convention she was present, now she has gone to her eternal home. We shall miss her as a Synodical Officer, for she was ever faithful; we shall miss her in our deliberations, for her counsel was always good, and we shall miss her as a friend, for we loved her. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." The workers fall, but God's work goes on. Let us rejoice that we have a part in it.

With gratitude to the officers and members of the Synodical Society for your loyalty, co-operation and helpfulness, this report is submitted.

Very respectfully,
LEONA H. SNYDER.

The Synodical Constitution, submitted by the Executive Committee for consideration was taken up seriatim and upon motion, the Constitution as a whole was endorsed.

Session adjourned with prayer and benediction.

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. E. A. Trabert, Berkeley.

Roll call. Minutes.

An address, "The Constraining Motive for Engaging in Missionary Work," was given by Miss Pauline Hillerman, Oakland.

"Our Work in India," Rev. Rudolph Arps, for some years a Missionary in the Rajamundry district.

Report of the Workers' Conference at Pittsburg was given by Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

Solo, Mrs. Ball.

A glimpse of the Home Mission text book, "Christian Americanization," was given by Mrs. W. J. Dentler, San Bernardino.

Offering, $5.74.

Session closed with prayer and benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

The Anniversary Service was held in First Church.

The opening and closing Vesper Service was conducted by the Pastor, Rev. G. H. Hillerman.

Scripture Lesson. St. John, 4:19-37, Mrs. J. W. Ball.

Prayer, Mrs. W. S. Dysinger.

A delightful description of the Merger Convention held in New York, was given by Mrs. Funk, San Francisco.

Mrs. Harpster presented in her charming manner, an account of the Fortieth Anniversary Convention held in Canton, Ohio. This Convention being also the last to meet as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod.

Offering, $14.64.

FIFTH SESSION

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Miss A. R. Leidig, San Diego.

Roll call. Minutes.

The following Committee on Resolutions, relative to the death of Mrs. J. F. Reimer, was appointed: Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. W. S. Dysinger.

Committee on the Historian's Report

Having examined the Synodical Historian's Report, we notice that ten new Life Members have been received during the year. Also two Honorary Members. Regreting to report the death of five of the Life Members which includes the death of our beloved Synodical Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Reimer, of Riverside.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE J. STUBER,
MRS. H. NELSON.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Letters and Papers begs leave to submit the following report:

The Letter of Greeting from Mrs. Traver, expresses the desire for a generous Thank Offering and Christmas Offering, to enable the Board to send all those who offer themselves as Missionaries. As she says: "there is a time for all things and that time is now."

Mrs. Oehler sent Letter of Thanks from St. John's, for Greetings. Also expresses her pleasure in being affiliated with our Synod.

A letter from Mrs. G. W. Snyder extended Greetings and an account of things accomplished during the first twenty-five years of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A letter from General Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Weier, brought Greeting and encouragement. She asked for loyal support of all Societies also all the activities.

The papers prepared by the various women were all splendidly prepared and helpful in their information and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. RALPH SPRADO,
HOPE C. GRANANDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Department Secretary's Report

Your Committee, on Department Secretary's Report, submit the following:

1. **Thank Offering.** We note with pleasure the report of the Thank Offering Secretary of the large amount received over other years in this department, and the increased interest in all the Societies.

2. **Literature Committee.** We recommend that the work of the Literature Committee receive the hearty co-operation of every congregational Society and that the recommendation that the Literature Committee be appointed in each Society be adopted.

3. **Y. P. S. Band.** We regret that the Secretary of the Young People's Societies has not been able to report a larger number of Y. P. Societies. This department ought to have the encouragement and help of every Congregational Society.

4. **Annuity.** Your Committee was greatly pleased that the Annuity Secretary was able to report a beginning in this department and that two Bonds have been pledged with others under consideration.

5. **F. A. F.** We appreciate the efforts of the Secretary of the F. A. F. and realize the difficulties that made it impossible to reach the high mark she had set.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. HARPSTER,
MRS. W. H. CATRON.

Adopted.

Committee on President's Report

The President's Report shows faithful work done for the good of our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSA A. R. FLATHMAN,

Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report, covering eighteen Societies, finds the Secretary has done her work

carefully and systematically and recommends a stress on increasing membership for the coming year, there being a slight depression in that line.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS LEIDIGH,
MRS. J. R. BRAEUER.

Greetings were brought from the Synod by Rev. W. H. Derr, the Vice-President.

Reports were received from all of the Auxiliary Societies.

Upon motion the following bills were allowed:

Mrs. D. J. Snyder	$42.33
Miss Kate Stuber	2.50
Mrs. G. H. Hillerman	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Harpster	7.00
Mrs. J. W. Ball	.80
	$54.63

A motion to conduct the election by informal ballot, carried.

A paper on "Our Missionary Literature" was presented by Miss Rosa Flathman.

A paper on "My Duty to My Society," read by Mrs. W. E. Crouser.

Upon motion those who were given the privilege of the floor were made voting members.

For result of Election see Directory.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

"Praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

With gratitude and love to our Lord and Master for His manifold blessings of the past year, Be It

1. Resolved, That we hereby express the appreciation of this Convention to our President, Mrs. D. J. Snyder, for her painstaking labor of the past year and her gracious manner in presiding over the sessions of this Convention and also to all the Officers, Department Secretaries and Committees, who have contributed to the success of the work of the past year.

2. That our loving sympathy be extended to the family and friends of our beloved Treasurer, Mrs. Reimer, and that our women be exhorted to emulate the faithful service of our sister in her work for her Lord; Also to Rev. H. S. Feix in his sore bereavement in the loss of his beloved wife. We commend these friends to the care and comfort of a loving Heavenly Father.

3. That we acknowledge with gratitude the presence of Mrs. J. H. Harpster after her long trip east and the help and inspiration she has given us in the understanding of the new conditions under which we will work the coming year; to Mrs. H. C. Funk also, for her report of the great Merger Meeting in New York. So far from the center of activity of our great Church, these women have helped to bridge the distance for us.

4. That we urge our women to read very carefully **Lutheran Woman's Work** from cover to cover that they be informed of all the new rules and regulations of our enlarged work and loyally fall in line with the same, that the work may go forward in unity of love and spirit.

5. That each Congregational Society be urged to immediately formulate and put into operation a plan whereby it will be possible to pay a part or the whole of the expenses of a delegate to each Annual Convention of the Synodical Society.

6. That we rejoice in the Merged Lutheran Church and its great outlook for the future growth and development of Lutheranism in this country and foreign lands and pray that God will abundantly bless her and keep her in the purity of her Faith.

7. That we hereby express our appreciation of the hospitality of the people of the First Church of Oakland and of the Swedish Church in whose building we have been pleased to hold our sessions and to all who have so generously contributed to the success of our Convention and to our personal comfort and pleasure.

"Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. S. DYSINGER,
MRS. W. E. CROUSER.

Resolutions on Death of Mrs. Reimer

Whereas, Our beloved Sister and friend, Mrs. Leora Katherine Reimer, for eleven years the faithful and efficient Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. S., of California Synod, has been called to her eternal home by a loving Father who doeth all things well; Be It

Resolved, That we bow before the Divine Will with sorrowing hearts for the separation, but with joyful expectation of a never-ending and blissful reunion above; and

Resolved, That we record our deep appreciation of the faithful services of our Sister in the interests of our Church on this coast; and our testimony to her fidelity, cheerfulness, sympathy, courage and faith, as exhibited in her daily life and conduct; and

Resolved, That we extend our loving sympathy to the sorrowing husband and daughter, commending them to Him who is the resurrection and the life; praying that His comforting Grace may keep and sustain them unto the end; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of our departed Sister.

For the Committee.

MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

The matter of taking up lace work in Synodical Society to help that industry in India, was discussed and suggestions made as to how it might be started, by Mrs. Harpster and Mrs. Trabert. Upon motion the convention decided to take up the work, and Mrs. Meyer of San Francisco, was appointed Secretary.

Upon motion Mrs. Stafford was delegated to convey Greetings to the women of the Temple Church of San Francisco and extend them an invitation to join the Synodical Society.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to extend a like courtesy to St. Michael's Church of Berkeley.

Upon motion, the matter of electing a delegate to the General Convention, was postponed until 1920 Convention.

Dr. Kunzmann, President of the Pacific Seminary, addressed the Convention.

Minutes read and approved.

After prayer by Dr. Kunzmann, the President declared the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention closed.

MRS. J. W. BALL, Secretary.

NAMES OF SOCIETIES	General Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Membership	Memorial Membership	India Bed Fund	May Memorial	Girls' School India	Girls' School Africa	Native Worker India	Fortieth Anniversary Chest	Fortieth Anniversary Spec.	Delegates Ex. to Convention	Box Work	So. Summer School Miss.	Synodical Fee	Total
Balance on hand June 20, 1918	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 11.12	$ 11.12
Offering at Convention, Sept. 10-12																35.16	35.16
Offering at Southern Conference																	
Contributions of Auxiliary Societies															15.00	.04	15.04
Seminary Fund																134.11	134.11
Alpaugh	12.00															.50	12.50
Glendale	9.00	19.00				2.00	1.00				3.00					2.00	36.00
Glendale Helper's Circle	4.00																4.00
Long Beach	25.00	36.00	2.00			4.00	2.00				5.00	1.00	2.00			4.00	81.00
Los Angeles—First Church	32.00	60.00	6.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	3.00	25.00			65.00	4.00	3.00			5.80	273.80
A. F. C. M. B.	20.00	20.00	1.00	10.00			2.00	10.00			30.00	1.25	1.20	3.25			98.70
St. Mark's	36.00	32.00	3.00	20.00		4.00	3.00				2.00		3.00			3.00	106.00
St. Paul's	20.00	22.00				2.00	1.00				5.00		1.00			2.20	53.20
Oakland	20.00	31.00	1.00	10.00		2.00	1.00		1.00		8.00		1.00			3.00	78.00
Pasadena	28.00	16.00	1.00			5.00	3.00				12.00	1.00	1.00			4.00	71.00
Redlands	20.00	31.00				3.00	1.00				15.00	1.00				2.00	73.00
Riverside	27.00	41.00	4.00	20.00		3.00	2.00				19.00	1.00	1.00			3.00	121.00
Sacramento—English	9.00	8.00				1.00	1.00				1.00		1.00			1.00	22.00
Eng. M. B.	3.00	3.00				5.00											11.00
St. John's	69.00	20.00	10.00			12.00	6.00			25.00	2.00		6.00			12.00	162.00
San Bernardino	2.00	8.00				2.00					3.00		1.00				16.00
San Bernardino C'S. M. B.	1.00										1.00						2.00
San Diego	35.00	62.00	4.00	10.00		5.00	2.00				9.00	1.40	2.50			4.00	134.90
San Francisco—First English	18.00	22.00				3.00		25.00			12.00		1.00			3.00	84.00
First Eng. M. B.	9.00																9.00
St. Andrew's	28.00																23.00
St. Matthew's	15 00					5.00	2.00									5.25	27.25
San Jose	18.00	71.00				3.00	2.00				6.00					4.00	104.00
Santa Barbara	3.00										2.00						5.00
Synodical Society											25.00						25.00
Borrowed from Seminary Fund													28.30				28.30
Amount Received	$463.00	$502.00	$32.00	$110.00	$25.00	$66.00	$32.00	$60.00	$1.00	$25.00	$225.00	$10.65	*$53.00	$3 25	$15.00	$239.18	$1,862.08
Amount Remitted	$463.00	$502.00	$32.00	$110.00	$25.00	$66.00	$32.00	$60.00	$1.00	$25.00	$225.00	$10.65	$44.00	$3.25	$15.00		$1.613.90
Amount in Treasury																$248.18	$248.18

* $9.00 received during last quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. REIMER. Treasurer.

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2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	30
28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	51	30

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1923—Rev. Jacob Yutzy, D.D.

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PROGRAM OF SYNOD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1921, 10:30 A. M.

Holy Communion

Sermon, Rev. W. H. Derr, President, (Rev. R. W. Mottern).

TUESDAY EVENING

Sermon, Rev. W. S. Dysinger, D.D., (Rev. D. J. Snyder).

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Augsburg Confession, Article XX, "Good Works." Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D., (Rev. E. A. Trabert).

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Woman's Missionary Society Program.

THURSDAY EVENING

Sermon, Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D., (Rev. H. C. Stafford).

Homilist

Rev. Jacob Yutzy, D.D., (Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.).

NEXT CONVENTION

Time—September 13-15, 1921.

Place, Grace Church, San Jose, Calif.

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(All reports herein were adopted by Synod; itemized reports adopted seriatim.)

(All business arranged by Committee on Reference and Council.)

FIRST SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1920, 10:30 A. M.

Synod opened with the Communion Service, conducted by the officers of Synod. Sermon by the President on the theme, "The Enduring Certainties of Our Faith," Text, Luke 1:4.

SECOND SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1920, 2 P. M.

Session opened by the President with the prescribed forms.

Roll call, (see next two pages), showed 34 present.

The report of Committee on Reference and Council received, amended and adopted, fixing hours of opening at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and giving one hour for the doctrinal paper on Wednesday.

The Bar of Synod was fixed at the first five pews. Rev. K. L. Wolters of India was made advisory member. Dr. W. E. Crouser was appointed fraternal delegate to the Woman's Missionary Society Convention.

SYNODICAL ROLL

Number	Clerical Roll.	Entered Ministry.	Entered Synod	Address of Ministers.	Churches	Location of Church	Lay Delegates.	Address of Laymen.
1	Winfield S. Hoskinson, D.D.	1879	1891	Richmond, 533 8th St.				
2	Herman Gehrcke	1892	1892	San Francisco, 433 Dolores St.	St. Matthew's	16th and Dolores	R. A. Kuner (*a*)	581 Dolores St.,
3	Charles F. Oehler, D.D.	1888	1893	Sacramento, 1709 L St.	St. John's	17th and L	John Clauss (*e*)	710 21st St.
4	Lewis C. Routzahn	1885	1895	Arroyo Grande				
5	Adolph Jatho	1887	1895	Oakland, 1634 Adeline St.	St. Andrew's	722 Union, S. F.	C. Bill (*a*)	840 Lombard St.
6	William Brandes	1889	1896	Alameda, 2029 Alameda Ave.				
7	George H. Hillerman, D. D.	1896	1896	Oakland, 472 Jean St.	First	16th and Grove	J. D. Lobdell (*a*)	2451 E. 22nd St.
8	John Edward Hoick	1894	1898	Los Angeles, 429 Euclid Ave.	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	R. H. Young (*a*)	2842 Oregon St.
5	Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	1891	1900	Riverside, 258 Main St.	Trinity	9th and Walnut	R. Hansen (*e*)	R. R. No. 3
10	William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	San Jose, 215 Delmas Ave.	Grace	2nd and Julian	C. F. Grouser (*a*)	215 Delmas Ave.
11	Oscar H. Gruver, D.D.	1892	1904	Oakland, 385 Belmont St.	Christ	710 Haight, Alameda	J. S. Gutleben (*e*)	1917 Stanford St
12	Henry S. Feix	1880	1905	San Francisco, 1133 O'Farrell St.	St. Mark's	O'Farrell nr. Gough		
13	John Gutleben	1870	1905	Oakland, 2271 Courtland Ave.				
14	Jens C. Pedersen	1881	1906	Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I.				
15	Wm. J. Roehmer	1896	1906	Fresno,				
16	James J. Chambers	1896	1907	Visalia, 314 N. Church St.				
17	Jesse W. Ball, Ph.D.	1894	1908	Los Angeles, 1175 W. 37th St.	St. Mark's	1120 W. 36th Place	A. W. Jumper (*e*)	1558 N. 45th St.
18	Daniel J. Snyder	1903	1908	Long Beach, 730 E. 9th St.	Trinity	8th and Linden	N. C. Christiansen (*p*)	739 Atlantic Ave.,
19	Michael F. Rinker	1885	1908	Los Angeles, 1258 W. Temple St.				
20	R. Warren Mottern	1897	1909	Glendale				
21	Henry C. Funk	1894	1911	Los Angeles. 1433 1-2 Pleasant Ave.				
22	Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	Pasadena, 396 Galena Ave.				
23	William H. Derr	1903	1912	Pasadena, 518 Herkimer St.	Trinity	Los Robles and Walnut	C. L. Derr	518 Herkimer St.
24	John R. Braeuer, PhD.	1896	1912	San Francisco, 1355 Geary St.	First	Geary nr. Gough	W. H. Nieman (*a*)	Berkeley, Cal.
25	William C. Eckhart	1891	1912	El Centro				
26	Arthur E. Isham	1907	1912	Redlands, 832 Alvarado St.				
27	August Bahr	1899	1913	Fresno, 2150 Bardell St.				
28	John K. Reed	1890	1913	Burt[illegible], Iowa				
29	Silas W. Young	1868	1913	San Jose, 470 S. 10th St.				
30	Carl Legler	1902	1913	Fresno, 305 E St.	St. Paul's	Calif. and Lotus	J. Jungmann (*a*)	Fresno

31	Howard C. Stafford	1909	1913	Santa Barbara, 329 E. Anapamu St.	Grace	Anacopa. nr. Figueroa.	Charles Beirs (*a*)	504 4th Ave.,
32	Emil G. Lund, D.D.	1881	1913	Santa Cruz				
33	Elmer H. Combs	1900	1914	Hanford, 1500 N. Redington St.				
34	Ernst G. Junghans	1897	1915	El Cajon, R. R. 1				
35	Joseph E. Stermer	1914	1915	Fresno, R. R. "J" Box 29	First	2514 Mariposa ave.	Jno. Hjort (*p*)	1803 Thomas Ave.
36	William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	Los Angeles, 1419 Sixth Ave.	First	8th and Flower	Ph, Johnson (*e*)	1811 Rodney Drive
37	William J. Dentler	1914	1916	San Diego, 108 F St.				
38	F. Felician C. J. Fritzler	1915	1916	Fresno, 804 B St.	Wartburg	D and Ventura	No delegate	
39	Henry J. Mathias	1898	1917	El Paso, Texas, 711 N. Oregon St.				
40	Edward P. Schueler, D.D.	1897	1918	San Diego, 3809 7th St.	First	1328 2nd St.	J. Sichler (*p*)	1761 Union St,
41	Earnest A. Trabert	1898	1919	Berkeley, ~~2015~~ 2576 Ashby Ave.	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	C. A. Smith (*a*)	2930 Avalon St.
42	Emil Meyer	1900	1919	Sacramento, 1604 1-2 J st.	First	16th bet. J. and K	A. Telstrom (*a*)	R. R. 4, Box 68
43	Harvey M. Leech	1894	1919	Berkeley, 3005 Hillegas Ave.				
44	George W. Snyder	1872	1919	Los Angeles, 1648 Edgecliffe St.				
45	Henry Wiemken	1901	1919	Sanger, Box 104	St. Paul's	South N St.	Karl Winter. (*a*)	R. R. "B" Box 15
46	C. F. William Stoever 1	1901	1919	Redlands, 801 Central Ave.	First	Olive and Myrtle	A. Cornelius (*p*)	E. Highlands
47	Jacob Yutzy, D. D. 1	1880	1920	Salinas	Our Savior	Lincoln. nr. Alisal	N. Nielson (*a*)	Salinas
48	John A. M. Ziegler, D D.2	1877	1920	San Bernardino, 853 7th St.	First	G bet. 6th and 7th	E. A. Almendinger (*a*)	1537 Poplar St.
49	Rudolf A. Arps 3	1893	1920	San Francisco, 1363 Palou Ave.	Temple	Bay View and Latona	Wm. Tienken (*a*)	1582 Underwood Ave.,
50	Adolph C. Petersen 4	1900	1920	Bloomington				
51	Fred C. Mauer 5	1920	1920	Phoenix, Ariz, 1017 Roosevelt St.	Grace	6th and Filmore	J. F. Westberg (*p*)	R. R. No. 5,
52	Alpaugh, vacant	----	----		First	East Center	W. N. Billing (*a*)	Alpaugh
53	Glendale, vacant	----	----		First	5th and Maryland	Paul Hoffman (*p*)	327 N. Maryland Ave.
54	San Jose, supplied	----	----		Bethel	Delmas, nr. Park	No delegate	

1 From Pacific Synod.
2 From Rocky Mountain Synod
3 From Ministerium of Pa.
4 From Chicago Synod
5 Ordained.

(*p*) Present during entire convention.
(*a*) Absent during entire convention.
(*e*) Present during portion of convention.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Esteemed Brethren:

As fishermen of the church we seek respite after the toil of a season for Synodical conclave in shelter of Coronado's long embracing arm. Our great highways pass through Los Angeles and terminate in San Diego.

San Diego, as a pearl we find thee reposing on a wide sandy strand and resplendent in California sunshine. Torrid lands in the rear of thee, the cool blue sea bounding before thee, the chemistry of environment softens thy breezes to a pure semi-tropical ozone, breath for angels and balmy like the white mist on sunny hills amid the pines.

How significant! poised by her doctrinal standards, the mother church of Protestantism represents the normal and temperate mind of Christendom, the *via media* between all violent extremes and sectarian vagaries. Her mission is to conserve the apostolic faith without subtraction or addition. Hence her religious temper never flares to the intense degree where fanaticism lights the torch of persecution. Loyalty to the true faith comports admirably with the recognition of a church universal. Truth ever generates the spirit of liberty which accords a generous toleration to all dissenting communions on the part of the true visible church. Thus the line of the ideally vertical abuts on the basic line of the ideally horizontal, giving us the right-angle of a perfect square. Notwithstanding the equability of our Lutheran frame of mind, divine grace in the spiritual realms like the climate here in the physicals stimulates our zeal for holy endeavor. The word of God is dynamic.

We shall act in terms of our Lutheran prestige if the results of this convention register power manifest in grace and beauty.

For the bestowal of the biennium of service now ending with all the happy associations of good will and co-operation I owe you sincere gratitude. May this convention prove memorable like a summer day in San Diego-by-the-Sea.

OFFICIAL ACTS AND FACTS

Transfers and Installations

The Rev. C. F. W. Stoever from the Pacific Synod, Sept. 14, 1919, and installed by Supt. Funk in Redlands, Oct. 5, 1919.

The Rev. Jacob Yutzy, D.D., from the Pacific Synod, May 7, 1920, and installed by Supt. Funk Nov. 16, 1919, in Salinas.

The Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., from the Rocky Mountain Synod, Feb. 22, 1920, and installed Jan. 18, 1920 in San Bernardino by Supt. Funk and Dr. H. J. Weaver.

The Rev. Rudolf A. Arps, S. T. B., from the Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, May 6, 1920, and installed in Bayview, San Francisco, July 1, 1920, by Rev. Emil Meyer.

The Rev. A. C. Petersen, residing at Bloomington, Cal., apply for reception in this Synod by letter of honorable dismissal from the Chicago Synod. His application is granted.

The Rev. Emil Meyer, transferred by call from the church in Bay View to the First English Lutheran Church in Sacramento, July 8, 1920.

Resignations

Rev. Wm. J. Dentler, at San Bernardino, Oct. 1, 1919.

Rev. R. Warren Mottern, at Glendale, June 30, 1920.

Licensure and Ordination

Mr. Fred Maurer, C. R. M., graduated from our Western Theological Seminary and regularly called to the church in Phoenix, Arizona, was granted *licentiam ad interim* June 15, 1920, and qualified for ordination at this convention.

Visitations

By request of certain members of the Council of the Wartburg Church in Fresno a visitation was conducted by Supt. Funk and the writer Nov. 17, 1919.

By request of Dr. Yarger your officer appointed Rev. H. Gehrcke, Dr. O. H. Gruver and Mr. N. N. Fritz, members of your Home Mission Committee, to conduct an investigation as to the future status in Bethel Church, San Jose, August 9, 1920.

Progressive Steps

St. Matthew's, San Francisco, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a special service and sacred concert on Sunday, a banquet and social program on Tuesday. Rev. H. Gehrcke, who founded this church and continues in the pastorate, Supt. Funk, and the writer, delivered the addresses. After the great fire the work was resurrected by a supreme effort of the members and the resourceful activity of the pastor. The mortgage was materially reduced at this festival.

First Church, Los Angeles. This strong congregation decided to cancel its mortgage of $11,000 under the energetic leadership of its pastor, Dr. W. S. Dysinger. In a brief series of services, wherein Dr. Long of Chicago occupied the pulpit, the sum of $16,000 was subscribed. The willing work of the young members helped to create momentum. On the 18th of December the 30th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Dysinger was observed, the happy couple being remembered with numerous and valuable presents.

First Church, Oakland. At Christmas time an individual gift of $2,000 was announced to the pastor, Dr. G. H. Hillerman, on condition that the congregation would assume the remaining $720 of the interest-bearing debt. It was done amid the pressure of the usual other holiday expenses! The name of the generous giver being withheld, we can merely, in the abstract, commended this sacrifice, as it was according to means, for emulation.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles. This mission, favored from start to finish with a well directed leadership, sent up a sky-rocket when the pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoick, was privileged to announce the $4,200 gift of a 7-room modern "parsonage," placed in advantageous position to the church. The noble-minded donor is Mrs. Theresa D. Combs, a member. Thus the pastor shares with the pastor of St. John's in the north the distinction of being the two best housed "parsons" in the Synod. But both parsonages appear more like the worthy residences of Lutheran pastors than of parsons.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles. With a record for an annual step of progress in their work, this church, under the tenaciously propulsive pastorate of Dr. Ball, cancelled by its own efforts the interest-bearing debt on Jan. 15, assumed self-support April 1, increased the pastor's salary conspicuously, and altogether assumed a yearly budget larger by $635.

Grace Church, San Jose. With an increase in the membership under the inspirational guidance of Dr. Crouser, who has rejuvenated the vitality of this body, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church will be held soon. A special fund for renovating the building is in hand. The Synod of California would look upon an invitation from San Jose with especial delight.

First Church, San Francisco. By the will of the late Charles Moritz Volkman, a generous contributor in life-time, loyal from nigh the very beginning of this work to his demise, the church received $500. His body rests under the roses; his spirit is assumed into the Divine embrace.

Los Angeles. The Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California and representing the churches affiliated through the National Lutheran Council has purchased the California Hospital, one of the oldest and best established hospitals of Los Angeles, at a cost of $350,000, which signifies about 65 per cent of its estimated value. The addition of a complete clinic on the plan of the Mayo Sanitarium of Rochester, Minn., is intended. The Anita Baldwin Hospital for Babies will erect a $100,000 building on the grounds of the hospital.

San Francisco. The Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, Mr. N. N. Fritz, President, contemplates establishing a Lutheran center in this city for soldiers and fellow Lutherans. An offer of $35,000 toward this project was extended by the Lutheran Brotherhood and communicated in person by Dr. Leamer of Des Moines. Despite the cold winds drifting in from our bay, this iron will be heated in the fire of human hearts, welded by intelligence, and established by co-operation.

Commendations

Your officer feels constrained to acknowledge with appreciation the efforts put forth by the Synodical Committee to organize and stimulate the Synodical "every member canvass." Mr. F. C. Hoffman presided in the south, Mr. N. N. Fritz in the north.

Upon initiative taken by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, another canvass is to be carried out in the week of Thanksgiving and approval is sought for the following committee: Mr. N. C. Christiansen for the south and Mr. C. L. Birch for the north.

While the matter of the recent campaign for European relief applies to the sphere of intersynodical activities, Dr. Jesse W. Ball and the National Commission's local representative, the Rev. Harvey M. Leech, were designated southern and northern chairmen. Their efforts penetrated to all churches co-operating under this head and attained the desired results. Dr. Ball attended the convocation in Chicago, summons arriving too late in the north to make attendance possible.

Under the official head of our Superindent's report a record of highly commendable effort on part of nearly all our missions

to raise their pastors' salaries will be presented. At this time progressive steps by our self-sustaining churches in the same direction should be noted. Some of these had increased salaries in the previous year, but repeated their benevolent act also in this year. The figures for the present year are as follows:

St. John's, Sacramento, $300.
First English, Sacramento, $200.
First Church, Los Angeles, $1,300.
St. Mark's, Los Angeles, $635.
First Church, San Diego, $200.
St. Matthew's, San Francisco, $300.
St. Andrew's, San Francisco—
First Church, San Francisco, $350.
St. Mark's, San Francisco (Rev. Feix), $1,200.

Some of these contemplate further advances in the near future. While the increase is somewhat out of alignment with the degree of responsibility and place and in but few cases, if any, corresponds to the advances enjoyed by our members in their fields of usefulness, the facts prove progress in human feeling and Christian culture. The same hopeful outlook illumines the figures of the benevolences and charities of the church as will appear from the report of our Treasurer.

Executive Meetings

This body held seven meetings, as occasion demanded. For brevity's sake the pertinent matters are herewith submitted for your approval.

To supply the minutes of Synod in sufficient quantity the Secretary was instructed to have 800 copies printed. The first forenoon of the Synodical session was reserved for the Communion Service. Owing to scarcity of funds in the Synodical treasury summons for the President to attend the convention of Synodical Presidents in Pittsburg had to be disregarded with regrets. The following brethren were received upon letters of transfers from their respective Synods: Dr. Yutzy, Dr. Ziegler, Rev. R. A. Arps, B. D. The Secretary was instructed to request the Home Mission Board of the U. L. C. for official representation at this session on part of Dr. Yarger or some other accredited person.

The usual bills for minutes, postage, printing, telegrams, etc., incurred in Synodical duties, were ordered paid. In view of the present depleted condition of the Synodical, the Home Mission and Ministerial Education funds of this Synod, the Treasurer was empowered to borrow a sum adequate to cover all obligations up to and including this convention.

Ministerial Anniversaries

Many of our clergy are giving the best years of their lives to our California churches. According to natural and proper order men of middle and progressing years of service should, if possible, be advanced to the pastorates of older and opulent churches, thereby being enabled somewhat to provide for the pleasant prospect of a serene retirement. But the field offers hardly any such opportunities. The pre-eminence of office, however, and the evidence of noble sacrifice and faithful service deserve at least appreciative recognition. Hence our congregations and conferences might take note of the ordination record for oc-

casions of anniversaries. Dr. H. J. Weaver and Rev. J. E. Hoick, ascended to the 25th degree this year. Others stand immediately before the aspect of this sublime experience.

Recommendations

1. That *ad interim* appointments by the President or the Executive Committee be approved.

2. That the President be authorized to take part in any convention of Synodical Presidents when called by the officers of the U. L. C. and that this Synod share the expense of such convention.

3. That Synod consider ways and means (whether by special committee or through the conferences) of concentrating Lutheran immigration from eastern states in advantageous agricultural or urban districts if possible in collaboration with reputable real estate companies.

4. That thought be given to the question whether our work could be strengthened by employing traveling pastors for German preaching places; that, moreover, our pastors endeavor to develop more initiative in starting preaching places near their own fields of labor.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. BRAEUER.

Referred to Committee on President's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Appendix A)

Oscar H. Gruver in account with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, August 26, 1919 to August 21, 1920.

RECEIPTS

To Balance from last year:		
Synodical Treasury	$ 364.13	
Ministerial Education	27.24	
California Home Missions	243.04	
California Educational Institution	27.20	
		$ 661.61
To Receipts from Churches:		
For U. L. C. Apportionment:		
Home Missions	$1,498.10	
Church Extension	913.50	
Foreign Missions	1,195.72	
Northwestern Missions	120.00	
Immigrant Missions	86.00	
West Indies Missions	202.00	
Jewish Missions	36.00	
Inner Missions	51.00	
Ministerial Relief	393.00	
Education	594.18	
Deaconess Work	147.00	
Home for Aged	103.50	
U. L. C. Treasury	191.50	
		$ 5,531.50
For California Synodical Apportionment:		
California Synodical Treasury	$ 557.13	
Ministerial Education	422.76	
California Home Missions	1,183.70	
		$ 2,163.59

For Unapportioned Objects:			
National Lutheran Council		$6,682.27	
India Diamond Jubilee		337.97	
Tabitha Home		95.65	
Nachusa Orphanage		34.00	
California Educational Institution		1.08	
Pacific Theological Seminary		94.00	
Auto for Rev. Pedersen		105.51	
Synod Sunday School Work		39.00	
Near East Relief		400.43	
India Tuberculosis Hospital		3.00	
Church Extension Debt		50.00	
Mem. Room Rajahmundry Hospital		10.00	
Good Shepherd Home		15.00	
Protege in India		30.00	
Bed in Africa Hospital		2.16	
American Red Cross		15.00	$ 7,915.05
Total Receipts			$16,271.75

DISBURSEMENTS

By Remittance to E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer U. L. C.:			
For U. L. C. Apportionment:			
Home Missions	$1,498.10		
Church Extension	913.50		
Foreign Missions	1,195.72		
Northwestern Missions	120.00		
Immigrant Missions	86.00		
West Indies Missions	202.00		
Jewish Missions	36.00		
Inner Missions	51.00		
Ministerial Relief	393.00		
Education	594.18		
Deaconess Work	147.00		
Home for Aged	103.50		
U. L. C. Treasury	191.50		
		$5,531.50	
By California Synod Treasury for			
Traveling Expenses to Synod, 1919	$ 211.46		
Delegates' Expenses to Merger	180.00		
Secretary's Salary	25.00		
Secretary's Expenses	16.65		
Statistician's Expenses	1.75		
Treasurer's Supplies	22.55		
Printing Minutes	269.30		
Synodical Stationery	27.00		
President's Expenses	8.20		
Janitor of Oakland Church	5.00		
Pacific Sem. Directors Ex.	38.90		
		805.81	
By Ministerial Education for			
Fred C. Maurer	$ 150.00		
Frederick Weisenborn	150.00		
Thomas D. Rinde	150.00		
		450.00	
By California Home Missions for			
Salary, Supt. of Missions	$ 812.49		
Expenses, Supt. of Missions	278.73		
Supt. Moving Ex. to L. A.	260.00		
Appropriation to Riverside	48.00		
		1,399.22	
By Remittance to E. F. Eilert, Treasurer N. L. C.			
European Relief	$1,069.77		
Lutheran World Service	5,612.50		
		6,682.27	

L. B. Wolf, Treas. For Mis. Bd.		
India Diamond Jubilee	$ 337.97	
Protege in India	30.00	
Mem. Room Raj. Hospital	10.00	
India Tubercular Hospital	3.00	
Bed in Africa Hospital	2.16	
		383.13
Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer		
Near East Relief		400.43
H. H. Weber, Treasurer Ch. Ex. Bd.		
Church Extension Debt		50.00
Good Shepherd Home		15.00
Tabitha Home		95.63
Nachusa Orphanage		34.00
Pacific Theological Seminary		94.00
American Red Cross		15.00
Synodical Sunday School Secretary		11.00
By Balance on hand:		
California Education Inst.	$ 28.28	
Auto for Rev. Pedersen	105.51	
Synod Sunday School Work	28.00	
California Home Missions	27.52	
California Synod Treasury	115.45	304.76
Total Disbursements		$16,271,75

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR H. GRUVER,
Treasurer.

Recommendations of the Treasurer

The Treasurer presents the following recommendations for the consideration and adoption of Synod:

First, that our congregations be requested to forward their benevolent moneys monthly in twelve installments to the Treasurer of Synod.

Second, that our congregations be requested to make the apportionment a part of their annual budget.

Third, that our congregations be requested to pay their apportionment for California Synod, namely, California Synod Treasury, Ministerial Education, and California Home Missions, in their first remittances to the Treasurer.

O. H. GRUVER.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

Berkeley, California, Sept. 11, 1920.

We, as Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have carefully checked the books of the Treasurer, and found same to be correct.

OSCAR W. WEIBEL,
WILLIAM B. SCHEEHL.

REPORT OF STATISTICAN

(See also Appendices B and D)

The brethren of Synod are to be commended for the painstaking care with which they have prepared, and the promptness with which they have transmitted their Parochial Reports.

The blanks are the first ones issued by the United Lutheran Church, differing somewhat from the old ones; yet the brethren have quite generally furnished the desired information.

All reports were in the hands of the Statistican within the time limit designated by Synod, except six. The absence of these however, was sufficient to prevent the footing up of nearly sixty columns for about two weeks. However by pressure upon

the printers the resolution of Synod last year has been executed and the Parochial Report is presented in printed form.

The most noteworthy feature of the statistical presentation of the work of the year is the large gains made in various contributions.

The following increases are to be noted:

Value of church property	$46,000.00
United Lutheran Church apportionment	1,957.00
Synodical apportionment	44.00
Unapportioned benevolence	5,524.00
Current Expenses	7,004.00
Unusual Expenses	8,194.00

Increases are also to be found in the number of communicant members, missionary societies and men's societies.

Decreases, however, are to be found in the number of baptised and confirmed members, infant and adult baptisms, catechumens and confirmations, also in young people's and Sunday School columns.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. HOICK.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

Your Archivist has carefully examined the contents of the boxes containing the records of the Synod. He has arranged the minutes of the Synod and set apart numerous extra copies which may be secured by those who desire to complete their files.

The question is asked as to the exact duties of this office and just what official papers and documents are to be placed in the hands of the Archivist.

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Archivist.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your committee wishes to express its gratification over the promptness of the replies to its questionnaire, and the satisfactory nature of the reports received.

The new blank left much to be desired in the way of comprehensiveness. The necessary brevity of the reports from the churches is your committee's excuse for a brief report.

A digest of the gains in membership shows that accessions averaged about ten per cent of the communicant membership. This, of course, is not net gain, yet it is perhaps not discouraging. Our accessions were almost exclusively of the two kinds, by transfer and by confirmation. This fact, taken in connection with the dubious replies under the head of evangelistic interest and evangelistic effort, would indicate that while faithful to the time-honored and blessed methods of soul cure for which our church has ever stood, our congregations are not overfilled with the spirit of missions at home.

Eight out of thirty congregations report some kind of a midweek service. When we think of the varied methods possible in the utilization for spiritual upbuilding of a midweek service, we may well wonder whether as pastors many of us are availing ourselves of our full opportunities. Practically all our

churches make the Lenten Season one of special observance and activity, a condition over which we may well rejoice.

Our Sunday School work will be reported on under a special committee, or secretary, and we leave that subject to be thus brought to your attention.

Perhaps two-thirds of our churches are without active organized work by the young people. Of those organized, three report good interest, six answer fair. It matters not much what the form, happy the pastor, whose young people, find or are given work to do in the church!

There are a few flourishing men's organizations. A few others are reported as having only a name to live. The majority of our parishes are undertaking no brotherhood work.

Mission study classes seem to be unknown among us. Social study of the Bible seems to be limited to the Sunday school. What an additional motive to press the claims of the Sunday School as the Bible department of the church!

Our Lutheran women shine in the reports. They are universally organized, and both the Aid Society and the Missionary Society are enthused over. What pastor does not thank God and take courage for the loyal support of those women who labor with him in the Gospel?

Are we a reading church? Our survey reveals a sad weakness in the support given our official paper, The Lutheran. Possibly as few as one-tenth of our homes receive the paper. Surely this can and should be improved upon.

Our people seem to be willing in the matter of material support, both for the local and the missionary program. An average offering of around $30 per capita for current expenses, and of $6 50 for missions and benevolence, is the evidence. Can we say that in Christ's sight the showing is such as it should be? Would it not be more in keeping with His will if the proportion between self and others were reversed?

We believe our pastors are faithful. We believe our people are on the whole earnest and capable. We know that our Lutheran apprehension of the Truth is rich and full. And so we are convinced that no church may be expected to bring forth a richer fruitage of faith and love. Rejoice as we may over the evidences of God's grace, as shown in church love, in fidelity to the Word and Sacraments, in working and praying, and giving, we dare not rest in present attainments. For in every department, as we study the reports on the State of the Church, we are impressed with the modest but true reply of one of our dear brethren to almost every query: "It might be better."

EDWARD P. SCHUELER,
H. C. STAFFORD.

On request of Examining Committee a meeting of the Ministerium was called for 4:30 p. m. Wednesday. Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Stafford.

FIRST EVENING SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 14, 1920.

Liturgical services in charge of Rev. H. C. Funk. Sermon by Rev. C. F. W. Stoever of Redlands on "The Life of Faith in Terms of Service." Text, Mark 10:45.

THIRD SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Wednesday, 9 a. m., Sept. 15, 1920.

Devotional Service in charge of Rev. J. E. Stermer of Fresno. Topic, "Peace With God." Romans 5:1-11.

Roll call showed 43 present. Minutes approved.

Reading, Discussion and Adoption of Constitution to and including Article Seven, with the exception of Articles Five and Six, which were referred to a special committee.

(See Appendix E, and Additional Resolutions, 4 and 5.)

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was received and under discussion. Prayer by Dr. Jacob Yutzy. Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Wednesday, 2 p. m., Sept. 15, 1920.

Prayer by Rev. R. W. Mottern.

Doctrinal Thesis on Article XIX of the Augsburg Confession, "The Cause of Sin," read by Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D. Discussion by Rev. H. Gehrcke and Rev. J. Yutzy, D.D.

Minutes adopted. Roll showed 39 present.

Report of the California Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary was read by the Secretary of the Board, Dr. O. H. Gruver. A minority report was submitted by Dr. W. S. Dysinger, Chairman. Both reports were referred back to the Committee. The Committee on Reference and Council set the time for hearing of these reports at 10:30 a. m., Thursday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Your Committee on Letters and Papers has had a number of communications, official and personal, referred to it. We have carefully examined and considered them, and beg leave to report the following and the recommendations herewith:

1. A communication from the Committee on Near East Relief. We recommend that this be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

2. Certain papers and matters relative to the business, our relation to, and our agreements with, the Pacific Theological Seminary, its Board of Directors, and the Pacific Synod. We recommend that all this be referred to our Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary.

3. The Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church asks action and approval on certain subjects. We recommend:

a. That the Campaign for Stewardship, Sacrifice and Service be again held during Thanksgiving week this year.

b. Pending the determination of the time of meeting of the United Lutheran Church and the new budget for benevolence, we recommend that the same per capita basis for benevolence to the United Lutheran Church be continued for another year.

c. Regarding the Conference of Presidents of the various Synods, we recommend that such a conference be perpetuated, provided that the traveling expenses for the same be put on a *pro rata* basis, or be cared for by the United Lutheran Church.

4. A communication from Missionary J. C. Pedersen in Porto Rico. We recommend that this be read to Synod at a convenient time.

5. A communication from the Board of Ministerial Aid of the United Lutheran Church. We recommend that this be read to Synod as time permits.

Signed by The Committee.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hoick. Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m., Thursday.

FIFTH SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Thursday, 8 a. m., Sept. 16, 1920.

Prayer by the Secretary. Roll registered 41 present. Minutes approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Among all the Boards of our Church, that which concerns itself with Ministerial Relief, fills a very needy place. It is the successor to our "Pastor's Fund Society" operating to the same end in the General Synod.

The duty of this Board is the pensioning of all aged, infirm and disabled ministers, their widows and children. The list also includes all missionaries ordained and unordained, of men and women, having served under our Foreign or Home Boards; Secretaries of Boards, Officers of Synods, Ordained Clergy as Teachers and Professors in our Churches, Schools and Colleges.

In this most commendable work our appreciative laymen with undaunted faith, bold and willing, feel the care of such is a debt of most binding character, owed them by the Church having given it their best years of service without adequate compensation, compared with the trades and other professions.

Every clergyman of the United Lutheran Church, having reached the age of 65, having given 20 years of active service to the Church, while now no longer active, is entitled to be placed on the Retirement Pension List.

The Board feels the amount of $300 per year at present paid inactive ministers, is entirely inadequate and as soon as possible should be made $500 or $600, and to that end it is earnestly laboring. With an apportionment of 18c per member, and a membership of one and one half million, the above amount could be almost double and still leave sufficient for operating expenses.

When the new Board was formed 51 ministers and 91 widows of ministers received aid from its available funds of nearly $100,000.

Your Committee would recommend this worthy work to all our Churches and pledge the co-operation of this Synod to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. MOTTERN,
W. H. DERR.

Hearing of the Report of Home Mission Committe resumed; under discussion when the Order for the Day was called.

Devotional Service in charge of Rev. Stermer. Topic, "Sin Outreaching Itself," Romans 5:12-21.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your Committee on Claims begs leave to report the following expenses:

Traveling expenses of Pastors to Synod		$336.42
Rev. G. H. Hillerman, Sec., postage		1.00
Rev. H. J. Weaver, attendance on Ed. Com. meeting		2.00
Rev. J. E. Hoick, Statistican,		
Parochial Report printing	$28.00	
Two Stereotypes	4.00	
Postage	1.50	
Total		$ 33.50
Rev. E. P. Schueler, Programs and postage		10.00
Grand Total		$382.92

Signed by the Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The California members of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Seminary met for organization at Oakland, California, Sept. 18, 1919, immediately after the adjournment of Synod. Dr. W. S. Dysinger was elected President and Dr. O. H. Gruver Secretary, after which the Board adjourned.

On October 4th, the Board was called by wire to meet in Seattle, October 15th.

After hasty communication between the members of the Board of California Synod, it was thought that all the directors from California Synod ought to attend that first meeting, and because of the shortness of the notice, few of the members could go. It was therefore agreed to notify Rev. Beistel, Secretary of the Board, that we could not attend the meeting.

The call brought to the attention of the Board the serious difficulties in complying with the action of the Synod, which were carefully considered.

November 19th, a call was sent out for a meeting of the Board to be held in Seattle, January 14th, 1920.

Doubt had entered into the minds of the California members of the Board as to the advisability of California Synod taking any part in the administration of the Pacific Seminary, consequently the Board met in First Church, Los Angeles, December 10th, 1919, with Drs. Gruver, Ball, Braeuer, Weaver, and Dysinger present. After full deliberation, the following action was taken, which was agreed to by Dr. Hillerman, who was unable to be present at the meeting:

"Believing that there is a wide field of usefulness for a theological seminary of our Church in Seattle as the logical centre of the Pacific Northwest, our California Synod, upon request, espoused the cause of this project before the United Lutheran Church and locally. We are ready to give all we can of good will and influence to this noble work.

"However, as our own field of operation is far removed from Seattle and calls for an educational institution on our territory, especially as our Synod is unprepared to finance a professorship in Seattle now in addition to our present Synodical and local obligations, we deem it expedient to defer entering into a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary until we shall have received further instructions from California Synod."

As a consequence of this action, the members of the Board did not attend the meeting called for January 14th, 1920, nor the one called for May 13th. We now wait your instructions.

Another meeting of the Board was held in the church of San Diego, September 14, 1920, at which meeting it was agreed to present to the Synod the following recommendations:

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby rescinds the action taken at Pasadena and Oakland relative to the institution of a California professorship in the Pacific Seminary.

Resolved, That we withdraw from all organic connection with said Seminary.

Resolved, That we give our hearty endorsement to the Pacific Seminary as an institution of the United Lutheran Church, and pledge our sympathy and support on the same basis as that of other district Synods of the United Lutheran Church.

W. S. DYSINGER, Chairman.
O. H. GRUVER, Secretary.

The recommendations of the report above being those offered by Dr. Schueler as a substitute for the recommendations of both the Minority and Majority Reports, and adopted by Synod.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

The Board of Directors of the California Educational Institution held several meetings during the year. The question of the establishment of a College in California has been thoroughly considered. A communication from the First Church of Los Angeles was received, calling attention to the increasing number of Lutherans coming to California, which intensifies the necessity for a Lutheran Institution. The field is ripe for prompt action. In consideration of the educational situation in California, we recommend:

1. That we memoralize the United Lutheran Church in America to take immediate steps that will lead to the establishment of a Lutheran College in California at the earlest possible time.

2. That the delegates from California Synod be instructed to urge the passage of a resolution to this effect, and that they press the project with energy and decision.

Signed by The Directors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee has examined the report of our Worthy President. The prelude of this historical document is written in the allegorical yet translucent style of a California pastor. The data submitted presents an important part of the history of our California Synod. The recommendations are worthy of careful consideration and action should be passed upon them by Synod.

Signed by The Committee.

Recommendations of President's Report considered. No. 1 adopted. No. 2 adopted. No. 3, commission created. No. 4, referred to the Synodical Mission Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

We find the Minutes of Synod carefully kept and well prepared by the Secretary.

1. Some typographical errors have been found in the printing of the Minutes.

2. Page 17. What was done in regard to an appropriation of $150.00 to be granted each of three young men for their ministerial education? Answer—"Paid."

3. Page 28. What was done with reference to the weekly Duplex Envelope System? Answer—"Generally adopted."

4. Page 29. There is a recommendation that a new committee be appointed to present a blank on State of Church. Has this been done? Answer—"Yes."

5. Page 33 is a resolution that all monies paid by the congregation be turned over to the Treasurer of Synod. Has this been done? Answer—"Yes."

6. Page 33. And furthermore the Home Missions Committee is instructed to make a strict account of all monies. Has this been done? Answer—"Yes."

We recommend that there be printed 850 copies of Minutes for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMAN GEHRCKE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your Committee is pleased to report that five young men from our California congregations are pursuing studies preparatory to the gospel ministry.

With the three students receiving financial assistance from the California Synod, your Committee has kept in close and sympathetic touch.

We are happy to report that Fred C. Maurer having graduated from Western Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to our Mission at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Thomas Rinde has made an enviable record as a student at Midland College. He enters the Senior class this fall.

Frederick Weisenborn successfully pursued studies in the Junior year of Western Theological Seminary. He has expressed the desire to attend Pacific Seminary at Seattle for the concluding years of his theological course.

Mr. John Gottleib, a prospective student for the ministry, has applied for counsel and assistance in the preparation for the holy office.

We recommend:

1. That the sum of $200 be granted Thomas Rinde during the coming year.

2. That the request of Frederick Weisenborn to complete his studies at Seattle be granted, and that he receive $200 for the coming year.

3. That the sum of $150 be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Ministerial Education to be used at its discretion in behalf of Mr. John Gottleib.

Signed by the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Your Committee begs leave to report on the work for the past year. After some preliminary investigation and correspondence, a letter and questionnaire was addressed to all the pastors of the Synod, 29 in number, the letter setting forth the appointment of your committee and making request that the questionnaire be filled out. The purpose of the list of questions was to ascertain the strength of the young people's organizations of the Synod, their affiliations with the national organizations and the sentiment looking to a State or conference organization.

With this information, your committee thought that they could make some suggestions to this Convention with the hope of more firmly cementing our young people together and arousing enthusiasm so that this very important branch of our church might advance.

Out of the twenty-nine pastors addressed, answers were received from only sixteen, in spite of all our efforts. Of these sixteen, ten were from the Northern Conference and six from the Southern Conference.

Of the sixteen questionnaires answered, we have compiled the following statistics:

Fourteen have Young People's Societies in their congregations.

Two have not.

Of the fourteen reporting organizations, ten are Luther Leagues with a combined membership of	216
Two are societies of Christian Endeavor with a combined membership of	42
One is a Lutheran Young People's Society with a membership of	25
One is a Boys' Club, membership	20
Or a total of	303

Of these fourteen societies, the two Christian Endeavor organizations are affiliated with the national, as is also one of the Luther Leagues.

Thirteen of the organizations hold **devotional** meetings each Sunday, one holds no devotional meeting.

Regular **business meetings** are held on an average, monthly, by thirteen, one holds no business meeting.

Regular **social** meetings are held on an average, monthly, by twelve, two hold no social meetings.

The pastors reporting from the congregations which have young people's organizations, twelve are in favor of a Synodical society and two oppose it.

Eleven are in favor of conference societies, 3 opposing it.

The last question asked the pastors was for any suggestions concerning our young people's work. The composite answer made up of all the opinions would read as follows:

The following **difficulties** are encountered:

Lack of thought on the subject.

Distance involved.

Lack of interest due to age of people and lack of experience and leadership.

When the congregations grow in numerical strength, an organized work will succeed with momentum.

The following recommendations are made:

Call the District L. L. of Central California to a meeting to get the forces busy before the Synod meets.

There should be an opportunity for local societies to get together for mutual help and conference.

Urge each congregation to have a Luther League; then affiliate with a State organization.

We are sorry that time is not permitted to go on with this further and, until we have some data from every existing congregation associated with our Synod, it is hard to arrive at any conclusion.

In view of its investigation, your committee recommends:

1. That every pastor be urged to communicate with your committee giving the information desired by it;

2. That steps be taken to organize a District Luther League of Northern California, affiliated with the Northern Conference of this Synod and a District Luther League of Southern California, affiliated with the Southern Conference.

3. That no action be taken at the present time looking to the organization of a State Luther League, leaving this to follow the organization of the Conference Leagues.

Your committee submits herewith the questionnaires so far received, and other correspondence, and would urge that this be transferred to the newly appointed Standing Committee on Young People's work, so that they may continue the efforts so far exerted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. TRABERT, Chairman.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

It is with pleasure that I present my report as Synodical Sunday School Secretary. I believe that a serious study of this report will serve to show us some of the weak points of our Sunday School work and thus enable us to correct them. There are some startling revelations and some equally startling conclusions will be drawn.

Upon assuming this office, in accordance with the resolution of the Synod adopted last year, I sent a letter to every pastor within the bounds of the Synod requesting an offering or appropriation for this work. When this resolution was presented on the floor of the Synod a number of the pastors volunteered to make such an offering. Their words were not confirmed by their deeds for only seven schools and one pastor as an individual responded. The question arises as to whether the Synod desires this office and, if it does, whether the pastors and Sunday schools will back up its efforts to give us an efficient Sunday School administration and work within the bounds of the California Synod.

The first work essential to any successful development of this department of our congregational activity was to secure a complete survey of our present Sunday School work. In order to secure this a questionnaire was prepared which was sent to all pastors. I am pleased to report that this questionnaire was returned by every school, although some gave very incomplete re-

ports. This will be noted when I present the tabulated statement. The value of any study of this kind is only measured by the responses made, and the information which they give.

There are 28 Sunday Schools in the California Synod. Of these 6 are graded to a greater or less degree; 14 are fully graded and 8 are ungraded. In the primary division there are 15 classes of beginners with an enrollment of 160, 26 primary classes with an enrollment of 279, 36 classes of juniors with an enrollment of 303. In the intermediate division there are 16 classes of boys from 12 to 14 years of age with 97 enrolled, 15 classes of girls of the same age with 121 enrolled and 18 enrolled in mixed classes; from 15 to 17 years of age there are 7 classes of boys with 48 enrolled, 7 classes of girls with 52 enrolled and 5 mixed classes with 43 enrolled; from 18 to 23 years of age there are 5 classes of young men with 47 enrolled, 5 classes of young women with 38 enrolled, and 2 classes of mixed with 24 enrolled. The adult division has 3 men's classes with 17 enrolled, 3 women's classes with 46 enrolled and 14 mixed classes with 190 enrolled. I would have you note the tremendous dropping away from our Sunday schools between the ages of 15 and the adult period. Here is one of the most serious facts which confront us in our work.

It is a recognized fact that by efficient organization such losses can be kept at a minimum figure and yet there is only one boys' class organized in the entire Synod and but six girls' classes, while there are two mixed organizations. In the adult department there is 1 organized men's class, 3 organized women's classes and 5 organized mixed classes.

In tabulating the statistics of our schools I find there are 145 officers, 185 teachers and 1992 scholars, making a total enrollment of 2322. The average attendance is only 1007, or less than one half. One school reports an enrollment of 130 and an average attendance of only 40. It is very evident that this school is carrying a lot of "dead wood" and it would be well for them to clean up their record. Only 12 schools have cradle rolls with an enrollment of 200. Seven schools have a home department with an enrollment of 129. An interesting study was the net gain and loss. Thirteen schools failed to report this; evidently they do not keep records of such a character that they could determine this. Thirteen of the schools which reported had a net gain of 199 and two had a net loss of five. One of the principles of successful business is to keep a record of profit or loss. Can the Sunday school do less in its work of caring for the children? If all would keep their records by the card system it would be an easy matter to determine gains and losses.

When we look at the lesson material used it was rather shocking to learn that a number of our schools do not use Lutheran literature in their work of teaching the children. I must confess that it seems inconceivable to me that almost one-third of our schools are not loyal to their church in using its publications. I will not give in detail the lessons used. Suffice it to say that two-thirds use the Augsburg series, one uses the complete graded series of the former General Council and one uses only Bibles. In their class work only 14 schools use Bibles. Of these in two schools all use them, in one all "are supposed to," in one "not exclusively," seven use them in adult classes, five in intermediate classes and four in junior classes.

There are 19 schools using "Young Folks," and 593 copies are distributed; 9 distributed "Lutheran Boys and Girls" to 137 children. It was rather surprising to learn that three schools use un-Lutheran publications, although the fact that they distribute only 90 copies lessens our sense of shame. To me loyalty to the church should call forth loyalty to her principles in supporting her literature and distributing it alone to those who are most susceptible to her influence.

It was pleasantly surprising to find that the majority of our schools are fairly well equipped with class rooms, for 16 schools have 24 separate rooms for the primary, 14 have 26 rooms for the intermediate, and 13 have 18 rooms for the adult department.

When we look at the organization of our schools, we find that 11 hold no meetings of officers and teachers, 12 meet monthly, 2 meet quarterly and 3 occasionally. These meetings with four exceptions, are held in the church and none have any other program except business. There are 3 teacher training classes with 29 members. Only 4 schools give definite missionary instruction. As for instruction in the catechism, of course every pastor had his confirmation class, but, in addition to this there are 12 schools which report giving such instruction in their work. The blackboard and pictures are used by 21 schools and one uses the sand table. It was surprising to learn that only 13 have an annual promotion and observe the day.

In order to determine how closely the teachers and officers were related to the worship of the church, it was asked how many attend the church services, and we find that 83 per cent from 26 schools are present. About 55 per cent of the members of the church council are present at Sunday school in 18 schools. The proportion of members of the school from 9 to 18 attending church varied from 95 per cent to 5 per cent, the average in 19 schools was almost 40 per cent.

The last question asked was, "What Sunday school hymnal do you use?"

There were 18 replies. Of these 9 use our Lutheran hymnals, 1 uses a Presbyterian primary hymnal, while 9 use what a musician and lover of pure and devout words would call "trash," or as one pastor called it a "nondescript." I do not think any comments are needed on this, and yet we desire to bring our children up to the heritage of beautiful and churchly music which our Lutheran forefathers have left us. We teach the child one thing in our lesson, and sing another thing in our songs. I forbear saying anything more.

Now what has been learned from our survey? In the first place I would have you notice there are 303 enrolled in the junior division of the primary department, 218 enrolled from 12 to 14 years of age, 91 from 15 to 17 years of age Note the descending scale. The ages from 15 to 17 are the critical years in the life of youth, and during these ages our schools reach fewer than in any other period. Here is a point in our work which needs strengthening. I believe that the organized class may help to solve this problem to a certain extent. But the main thing is to secure a teaching force able to meet the requirements of this period.

In the second place it is very evident that our schools are not efficiently organized when we realize that the average at-

tendance is less than one-half of the enrollment. Either our records are burdened with names which ought to be removed, or there is no systematic effort to secure regularity in attendance. This might be overcome in part by holding regular meetings of the teachers and officers. Less than one-half of our schools hold such meetings. In these meetings a careful study of the local situation should have a prominent place.

In the third place I would call your attention to a recommendation which was adopted at the last meeting of our Synod, and which reads, "We recommend that all our schools use only such literature as is furnished by our own publication house. This applies especially to lesson helps and Sunday school papers for the young, and Sunday school hymnals." With one-third of our schools using non-Lutheran Literature and one-half using un-Lutheran hymnals how can we expect to train our children in love for the church and loyalty to her best interest?

In the fourth place the greatest need of our schools is an adequately trained teaching force. This force can only be secured by training the teachers for their work. The idea that any one who has the desire is qualified for teaching in the Sunday School is manifestly wrong. This day demands teachers that are eminently equipped for the service of really instructing the young. There ought to be a Teacher Training Class in each of our schools.

In the fifth place the size of our schools leads to the belief that we are, with perhaps a few exceptions, not serving the community in which our schools are located.

In the plans which I have considered for the better development of our work, in addition to a thorough survey of our schools which was attempted through the questionaire. I have developed a questionaire for making a complete survey of the community in which our schools are located. The purpose of this is to learn whether we are measuring up to our opportunity, and to assist in showing the way by which we can increase our influence by gathering the children for instruction. This questionaire has not been sent out and will not be sent out until I can learn whether the pastors will endorse it and give the information reguested Will they?

I have also in mind plans for systematic teacher training. This can be done by suggestive correspondence to isolated schools, providing they will show a responsive interest. In centers such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, or where two or more schools could combine, there should be held Sunday School Institutes. The purpose of these institutes would be to give an elementary course in teacher training; also in the efficient organization, management and direction of the school. It will require money to undertake this, also the direct co-operation of our pastors. Are our schools sufficiently interested in their own welfare to unite and provide the means? While comparisons are odious it ought to mean something to us when we realize that the denominations about us employ the full time of men for the purpose. At the present time we do not require this, but we should be willing do devote more of our means to such an end.

There is no question that one of the weakest points in our work is a lack of uniformity in our methods and materials. No two Sunday Schools about San Francisco Bay use the same

order of service or hymnals. The same fact is true in other centers. Children removing from one place to another note this fact and it means much to them. The Sunday School trains for the future church. In our Lutheran work there should be a certain uniformity which will mark all of our schools as Lutheran.

To further this work and place it upon the exalted position which it should have in our activities, the means ought to be at hand to prosecute it vigorously We make apportionments for foreign missions, home missions, the aged, the orphan—why not make an apportionment for our Sunday School Work? Upon its development depends in a large measure the future of all other activities. I therefore recommend that $150.00 be raised for the furtherance of our Sunday School Work.

I also recommend that the Sunday School Secretary chosen for the coming year be directed to follow up the work of the past year and endeavor to carry out the plans proposed for (1) making an adequate survey of the communities in which our schools are located; (2) to lay plans for systematic teacher training in our Sunday Schools; (3) to secure greater uniformity in our methods and materials.

Financial Report

Received from Treasurer of Synod		$11.00
Expenditures—Duplicator Roll	$5.00	
Stationery	2.00	
Postage	3.26	
		10.26
Balance in hand		$ .74

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Sunday School Secretary.

PLEDGES TO STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Los Angeles First, $25.00; $10.00 each from Berkeley, Fresno First, Long Beach, Los Angeles St. Marks, Oakland, Phoenix, Redlands, Sacramento St. John's, and San Diego; $5.00 each from Alameda, Glendale, Pasadena, Riverside, Salinas, San Bernardino, San Francisco First, San Francisco St. Matthew's, San Francisco Temple, Sanger, and Santa Barbara; Total $170.00.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

It is the aim of the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church to work wherever possible through the Inner Mission Committees of the Synods, and your committee therefore believes that the outline of the Pittsburgh Conference held May 27th and 28th, 1920, will be of very real value in the Inner Mission work in our California Synod.

This outline, submitted for consideration, indicates the purpose and scope of the work of the Board and of the Conference. For convenience and clearness the work has been divided into three sections: The three-fold task of the Inner Mission Board.

1. **Congregational.** To effect more truly in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church the reality of Inner Missions—

active Christian service to the needy on the part of the entire congregation, and of all its individual members.

2. **Institutional.** To promote the establishment of Local Inner Mission Societies in localities where Special Inner Mission work needs to be done; to plan for the establishment of institutions of mercy throughout the land, in accordance with well conceived ideas of need and territory; to aim at a more harmonious order in the relation to the United Lutheran Church of the various institutions of an Inner Mission nature already existing; to give to each institution the benefits of wide experience and large co-operation in institutional work; to make a report for all of these activities at every Convention of the United Lutheran Church; in general, to organize effectually our institutional work, while not interfering with each institution's autonomy in its entire internal management and control.

3. **Educational.** To provide for the proper training of Christian workers for both congregational and institutional Inner Mission work; to carry on an educational campaign through literature, the holding of institutes, and other means, for the purpose of spreading the Inner Mission.

The Board recognizes the Synodical Inner Mission Committees as a very important factor in the whole Inner Mission situation and expects through them information from the congregations to act intelligently wherever it is called upon to function with regard to any local interest and any information, inspiration, plans or methods which the Board wishes to transmit to the church at large.

However, as there is not a very clear understanding of the meaning and purpose of the Inner Mission nor of where to begin, your Committee would therefore suggest that the pastors become better acquainted with the Inner Mission work and its problems and ideals, to get the spirit of it into the congregations.

No doubt there is much need of united and continuous effort to revive and revitalize our church for its great work in this stirring and wonderful, but dangerous new era of the world's history.

HERMAN GEHRCKE,
C. F. OEHLER,
F. C. NOEL.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES

The Southern Conference met in Riverside, April 19-21, 1920. The Northern Conference met in Berkeley, April 19, 1920.

The only item demanding attention of Synod is the following resolution passed by the Northern Conference:

"Resolved, That we hereby express our opinion that there should be a Lutheran Bible Institute in the more populous centers of California in co-operation with other Lutheran bodies wherever possible or to be maintained by the members of the Synod of California where such co-operation cannot be attained. We recommend that this resolution be referred to the Synod with the recommendation that the Executive Committee seek to carry out its intent."

HERBERT J. WEAVER,
JOHN S. GUTLEBEN.

Prayer by Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler. Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Thursday, 2 p. m., Sept. 16, 1920.

Necrological Service in memory of Rev. W. R. Swickard, who died April 22, 1920, conducted by Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D. Minutes approved. Roll registered 38 present.

ELECTIONS

Tellers, Revs. Stoever and Gehrcke, and Messrs. Hjort and Clauss.

(For results see page 3.)

The election of the Synodical Mission Board deferred until after the adoption of the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES

Your Committee has received communications from the following clerical brethren giving reasons for non-attendance at this Convention of Synod: Revs. D. J. Snyder, W. S. Hoskinson, M. F. Rinker, N. N. Harter, A. Jatho, E. G. Lund, W. Brandes, H. J. Mathias, J. K. Reed, W. J. Roehmer, E. H. Combs, J. C. Pedersen, H. S. Feix, S. W. Young. We recommend that they be excused.

The following lay delegates have given reasons for their non-attendance at this Convention of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused: A. Telstrom, First Church, Sacramento; R. A. Kuner, St. Matthew's Church, S. F.; C. F. Beiers, Santa Barbara; C. A. Smith, Berkeley; Aug. Jungmann, St. Paul's Church, Fresno; W. Tienken, Temple Church, S. F.; W. H. Neiman, First Church, S. F.; N. Nielson, Salinas; C. F. Crouser, Grace Church, San Jose.

Also Mr. A. W. Jumper from the Thursday afternoon session.

Signed by the Committee.

REPORT OF LUTHERAN WEEK AT MT. HERMON

Pursuant to the resolution of last year, July 11-18 was observed at Mt. Hermon as Lutheran Week. The men who appeared on the program were Dr. W. S. Dysinger of Los Angeles; Dr. G. H. Hillerman of Oakland, and Rev. E. A. Trabert of Berkeley.

W. E. CROUSER.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS

Your Home Mission Committee herewith brings to your attention a brief summary of the work performed in our missions during the past year. Twenty-one churches have been under the supervisoral care of the committee. Ten monthly meetings have been held, in which the affairs of our missions have been given the most careful consideration.

Vigorous Expansion Plans

During the past two years it has been the policy of your committee to man the vacant missions; to hearten and strengthen the weaker ones. The committee is now, however, adopting a well defined policy for active expansion work. Hollywood and the Goodyear district are promising fields in a single city that

should be occupied. Alhambra also appears to be a desirable field.

The First English Church at Fresno has taken a forward step in the purchase of six lots for a church and parsonage, at a cost of $4,250. The lots are located at the corner of Belmont Ave. and Roosevelt Street, comprising a quarter of a block, and is well suited to the future development of this promising mission.

The First Church at Los Angeles is planning for larger things and seems destined to be the mother of many children. Her along mission lines. Insert

Many Accept Calls to California

Five new missionaries have accepted fields of labor in our Synod during the year, as follows: Rev. C. F. W. Stoever at Redlands; Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., at San Bernardino; Rev. Adolf Arps at Temple, San Francisco; Rev. Jacob Yutzy, D.D., at Salinas; and Bro. Fred C. Maurer at Phoenix, Arizona. All of these pastors have been well received and are doing excellent work in their respective fields.

Benevolences Paid to Treasurer of Synod

Alameda, $216; Alpaugh, $101; Berkeley, $549; Fresno, First, $515; Fresno, St. Paul's, $165; Glendale, $194; Long Beach, $1,080; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, $338; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $475; Oakland, $688; Pasadena, $585; Phoenix, $354; Redlands, $638; Riverside, $750; San Bernardino $322; San Francisco, Temple, $243; San Jose, Bethel, $45; San Jose, Grace, $296; Salinas, $88; Sanger, $464; Santa Barbara, $131. A total of $8,237. Total offerings for all benevolent objects, $11,116, being an excess of $6,340 over the offerings for the preceding year, whereas the total contributions of our missions for all objects reached the magnificent sum of $50,555.

budget for the coming year includes $2,500 for expansion work

The receipts from congregations for services of the Superintendent of Missions, and always credited to California Home Missions, are as follows: Redlands, $6 50; Fresno, First, $10.10; San Bernardino, $35.00; Alpaugh, $40.00; Glendale, $20.00. Total, $111.60.

Reductions in Aid Received

Alameda, $50; Alpaugh, $375; Fresno, First, $200; Wartburg, $275; St. Paul's, $300; Long Beach, $25; Los Angeles, St. Marks, $335; St. Paul's, L. A., $60; Oakland, $150; Pasadena, $25; Berkeley, $25; San Jose, Grace, $65; the total amount of reductions being $1,885.00, or an excess of $1,222.00 over the reductions of the preceding year.

Increases in Aid Received

Glendale, $100; Riverside, $50; San Bernardino, $25; Temple, $100; Supt. Missions, $100, or a total increase of $525.

Salary Increases by Congregations

First English, Fresno, $360; Oakland, $300; Pasadena, $200; St. Mark's, L. A., $300; Wartburg, $200; Redlands, $150; Riverside, $50; San Bernardino, $275; Temple, S. F., $100; Sanger, $50; Santa Barbara, $100. A temporary arrangement has been made whereby the pastor of Grace Church, San Jose, supplies the pulpit of the Bethel congregation, for which he receives

$240, with the free use of the parsonage. By including the additional amounts allowed by the Board, the total increase in our missionaries' salaries is $3,000.

New Parsonages Provided

Arrangements have been completed whereby a valuable parsonage will accrue to our St. Paul's mission at Los Angeles. Through the kindness of one of its members the pastor is now enjoying a commodious home.

St. Michael's, Berkeley, has also purchased a home for their pastor, which was most timely in these days of quick sales and large profits. Great credit is due three of these missions, in that they have had the courage to declare themselves no longer in need of further aid from the Board of Home Missions. St. Mark's, Los Angeles, assumed $335 paid by the Board, and also added $300 more to the salary, making it $2,000. Our two German congregations at Fresno belong on the banner roll in that they have also become self-supporting.

Appropriations by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the Year Ending March 31, 1921

Alameda, $200; Glendale, $950; Long Beach, $150; St. Paul's, L. A., $840; Oakland, $500; Pasadena, $350; Phoenix, $700; Redlands, $550; Riverside, $325; Salinas, $600; San Bernardino, $700; Temple, S. F., $915; Berkeley, $675; Sanger, $300; Santa Barbara, $700; San Jose, $360; Supt. Missions, $950; or a total of $10,415.

The budget shows that our Missions contributed $15,375 for pastors' support in 1919, whereas the same churches have pledged $19,274 for this year, or an advance of $3,919 in their offerings for this purpose.

Synodical Appropriation

Supt. Missions, $950.

Special Items

Alpaugh. Through an exodus, on account of local conditions in the colony, a large number of removals have occurred, and the Mission has been reduced to four families. No further aid from the Board is requested at this time.

Berkeley is rapidly forging ahead under the direction of Pastor Trabert, with a largely increased attendance and a live brotherhood.

Glendale, in the loss of its pastor, has passed through a critical period on account of internal difficulties. Under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions a new interest has been manifested. The Common Service has been introduced and a Luther League is being organized.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles, has been especially successful in developing a community interest; the accessions to this Mission come largely from non-Lutheran friends in that vicinity through the careful ministry of Pastor Hoick.

Phoenix, Arizona, deserves special mention for its efforts in the building of a chapel under the direction of the supply pastor, Rev. J. K. Reed. This Mission is rallying to the support of its new Missionary, Bro. F. C. Maurer.

Pasadena. Without further assistance from the Board this Mission has added $200 to the salary of its pastor, Rev. Derr.

San Bernardino, under the care of Dr. Ziegler, is putting on new life, and has made a commendable record by increasing the pastor's salary $300, with the aid of only $25 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Temple, San Francisco, has recently paid $50.00 on the church debt, and the new pastor, Rev. Arps, is very happy in his field of labor.

Sanger has met with phenomenal success in the liquidation of the church debt, for which much credit is due to the efforts of Pastor Wiemken.

Salinas has made improvements on its property to the amount of $500 under the care of Dr. Yutzy.

Redlands has increased the salary of its pastor, Rev. Stoever, $150, without aid from the Board. This Mission has made substantial gains in membership.

Riverside has made a special name for itself in special offerings, and has assumed $50.00, formerly appropriated by the Synod. Dr. Weaver is doing uniformly successful work in this Mission.

Oakland not only reduced the amount of aid by $150, but also increased the pastor's salary $300, besides paying its entire interest bearing debt during the year.

Vacancies

We have but two vacancies in the Synod at this time, namely that of Alpaugh and Glendale. Glendale has been placed under the care of the Superintendent of Missions and expects to call a pastor at an early date.

Pastors are Commended

Our pastors are to be commended for their willingness to exercise the utmost self-denial during these trying times. Indeed, one might suppose from their contented dispositions that they were being well rewarded. It has been possible to manifest this disposition, however, only because they have learned, like Paul, to bring their wants down to the low level of actual need, and to find joy in denying themselves for the cause of Christ.

In a few instances worldly wise men, recognizing the ability that most of our pastors possess, have offered more lucrative positions, provided they would leave their holy calling, but in each case the offer has been rejected. Our pastors belong to the class described in the Scriptures "As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." Nevertheless, we fear there are those in some of our congregations that have somewhat of which they must needs be ashamed, in earning and enjoying incomes that have been greatly increased while they are withholding a similar advance to the one who is giving his life to caring for their souls.

But our congregations as a rule are responding to this need. Much praise is due the people for coming to the help of the Lord during the past year. Notwithstanding an increase of almost 40 per cent in the apportionment nearly all our Missions have paid in full, and have in addition thereto added liberally to the support of the Missionaries as indicated in this report.

Recommendations

1. Your Committee recommends that our Missions be heart-

ily commended for their increased liberality during the Synodical year, and that they be encouraged to continue their efforts in a further increase for the support of our Missionaries.

2. The Committee recommends that the salary for the Superintendent of Missions be fixed at two thousand dollars. Your Superintendent has complied with the request of Synod in the removal of his family and headquarters to Los Angeles, where he is located at 1433½ Pleasant Avenue. He also finds that rents in that city have advanced more than 100 per cent, and that further increases are evident within the next few months.

3. Your Committee recommends the inauguration of a California Church Extension Fund. Offerings shall be taken on a day appointed by the Synodical Mission Board for a Revolving Church Extension Fund, the proceeds of which are to assist new congregations by way of loans in making the initial payment for a location, and to secure desirable building sites in stragetic centers where Missions are to be organized. Such sites are to be the property of the Synod, and are to be purchased by the Mission, when organized, from the Synod upon the recommendation of the Synodical Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,
H. C. FUNK, Superintendent of Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from earthly scenes and labors the Rev. W. R. Swickard, for many years a member and pastor of this Synod, be it

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved wife and family the sincerest sympathy of this body, and commend them to the tenderest care of Him who ordereth all things well, in fellowship with whom "to live is Christ and to die is gain."

2. Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to Pastor Schueler and his congregation and to all others who have in any way contributed to a most enjoyable convention of the Synod, this resolution to be presented at the Session of Synod this evening.

Adopted by rising vote.

3. Resolved that the sum of five dollars ($5.00), be paid the janitor of this church for services rendered during the convention of Synod.

4. Resolved, That the delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention, at Washington, be reimbursed the amount of their actual outlay for room and meals due on account of attending the Convention, the amount per person not to exceed $4.00 per day.

5. Resolved, That our Home Mission Committee be and is hereby instructed to permit no reduction in the appropriation toward the support of any Missionary, until the Missionary's salary is at least $2400.

6. Resolved, That we urgently advise the congregations of our Synod that they increase their part of the pastor's support until it reaches at least the $2400 mark.

7. Resolved, That the pastor of the church in which Synod meets be authorized to employ a stenographer for the service of the members of Synod during the Convention.

8. Resolved, That President of Synod, if unable to pay visit to the various churches of the California Synod, write at least a

letter of encouragement and greeting to be read from the pulpit, drawing attention to the needs of the church and admonishing to continuance in zealous work.

For the Committee.

J. W. BALL, Chairman.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS (with date of adoption)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1. Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to determine the apportionment for the coming year.

2. Resolved, That the reports of independent congregations be placed below the Parochial Table.

3. Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to make overtures to St. Mark's congregation, San Francisco, looking to it uniting with this Synod.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

4. Resolved, That the Constitution be considered and adopted seriatim, subject to amendment one year hence, without the usual year's notice of such amendment.

5. Resolved, That a special committee of four, two from each Conference, consider and report on certain changes to be made in Articles Five and Six, of the Constitution under debate.

6. Resolved, That the time of adjournment of this session be extended 15 minutes.

THURSDAY MORNING

7. Resolved, That Synod adopt the blank forms for the State of Church reports used this year; that the bill of $7.50 for printing same be ordered paid; and that the number to be printed for future use be referred to the Executive Committee.

8. Resolved, That we are pleased to note that the Lutherans of Los Angeles have secured a hospital to be known as the California Lutheran Hospital, and that we commend it to our Lutheran people of Southern California.

9. Resolved, That the time of adjournment of this session be extended 15 minutes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

10. Resolved, That the Secretary's salary be made $50.00 a year.

11. Resolved, That Dr. Weaver be commissioned to extend the sympathy of Synod to Rev. Wolters in his injury, and to express our joy in his escape from death.

12. Resolved, That the Synod of California establishes a Lutheran Immigration and Home Settlement Commission, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the President of Synod from the several sections of the State.

THURSDAY EVENING

13. Resolved, That a Committee on Conference Constitutions be appointed to prepare such a Constitution in conformity to the new Synodical Constitution.

14. Resolved, That the Synodical Mission Board strive to secure the change of the Home Mission year for California from April first to October first.

15. Resolved, That the Delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention present to that Body the advisability of changing the date of the Bi-ennial Convention to the last of May or the first of June.

16. Resolved, That the Synodical Mission Board use its influence to secure an increased appropriation of $200 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension towards the salary of the pastor of Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona, provided the congregation raises an equal amount.

(This resolution is the result of a request from the Phoenix congregation asking for an endorsement of an increased appropriation of $300.00.)

17. In view of the peculiar conditions obtaining in the work of the First Lutheran Church of Sacramento, be it

Resolved, That the church be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Synodical Mission Board for Home Mission aid for one year, or possibly two years.

18. Resolution offered by Dr. Dysinger but not turned in to the Secretary.

19. Resolved, That the Constitution be printed with the Minutes as last year, and that the forms be held for another year for separate printing.

20. Resolved, That the Executive Committee act for Synod, during the interim in regard to the employment of a Synodical Missionary Superintendent, subject to the ratification of the next Convention of Synod.

21. Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to confer with the officers of Pacific Synod with a view to bringing the dates of our two Conventions closer together.

22. Resolved, That the action of the Ministerium be approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

Your Committee on Apportionment, having considered the matters presented to them, present the following report:

The following Budget for our Synodical work was adopted for the ensuing year:

Synodical Treasury	$1,110.00
Home Missions	1,230.00
Education	660.00
Total	$3,000.00

To meet this amount it will be necessary to increase our per capita apportionment from $.87 to $1.00, or $.13. In this manner our apportionment would be divided as follows:

Home Missions	$.41
Synodical Treasury	.37
Education	.22
Total	$1.00

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT
J. E. HOICK
JOHN B. HJORT

Invitation to hold the 1921 Convention of California Synod in Grace Church, San Jose, accepted. Entertainment on the Harvard plan.

REPORT OF BOYS' WORK SECRETARY

From a lengthy report received at one time your Secretary learned that representatives from different states had met in the East in order to discuss this problem of Boys' Work in our churches and then to notify the secretaries of a practical working plan that might grow out of this discussion. The committee did not seem to come to any definite decision. The question of utilizing existing agencies for Boys' Work, such as the Boy Scout organization, the Y. M. C. A., or the Public Playground Institution, was debated, but in what way or to what practical use this machinery could be put for our purposes was left a problem.

As a recommendation to this Synod your Secretary would propose that a committee of three be appointed to make a thorough study of this boy problem as it exists in our California churches and then proceed along the lines of a well thought out plan to achieve our ends.

J. S. GUTLEBEN, Secretary.

Prayer by Dr. Weaver.

Session adjourned to reassemble after the Ordination Service.

ORDINATION SERVICE

San Diego, Cal., Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 16, 1920.

The Ordination Service of Rev. Fred C. Maurer, pastor of Grace Church, Phoenix, Ariz., conducted by the President of Synod, Rev. J. R. Braeuer, Ph.D., assisted by officers of Synod. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., on the theme, "The Prophet and His Vision," text, Isaiah 6:1.

ADJOURNED SESSION

San Diego, Cal., Thursday, 9:30 p. m., Sept. 16, 1920.

Consideration of the Constitution and By-Laws resumed.

(See Appendix E)

On motion Dr. H. J. Weaver cast the ballot of Synod for the officers elected this afternoon to be the officers under the new Constitution, the Archivist becoming the Historian.

For result of election of members of Synodical Mission Board and Executive Committee see page 3.

Minutes approved.

Synod adjourned with the use of the Forms prescribed for the Closing of Synods.

Record from Protocol, p 319

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The President made a statement in regard to conditions in Warburg congregation, Fresno, and to the attitude of the pastor, Rev. F. F. Fritzler.

By motion the matter was referred to a Committee composed of Revs. Dysinger Trabert & Weaver to formulate charges and present same at this Convention of Synod.

Sept. 16. 1920

The Committee appointed to formulate charges in the Fresno case reported that the data at hand was insufficient to make a definite statement at this Convention, and recommended that the matter be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to act according to our Formula of Government.

MINISTERIUM

San Diego, Cal., Wednesday, 4:30 p. m., Sept. 15, 1920.

The Ministerium opened with prayer by Dr. H. J. Weaver. The President announced that the purporse of the meeting was to hear the Report of the Examining Committee.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Your Committee has had before it Mr. Fred Maurer, a recent graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, and a loyal son of the California Synod, he having entered upon his studies from the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco. He has accepted a call to the Mission at Phoenix, Arizona, and is already at work there under licensure of the Synod. We recommend him for ordination at this meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. August Boether, whose application to be received into the Synod one year ago was postponed for final action until this convention of Synod, has failed to renew his application and is not present at this meeting. We recommend that the application be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. BALL, Chairman.

Considered seriatim, adopted and referred to Synod for favorable action. (Other business, and Committee appointed, recorded in Protocol, page 319.) Prayer by Dr. J. W. Ball. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Adjourned session of Ministerium at the close of the afternoon business of Synod. (Record in the Protocol.) Minutes approved. Adjourned.

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LIST OF COMMITTEES

President's Report—Revs. Oehler, Stafford, Ziegler, and Wiemken, and Mr. Christiansen.

Letters and Papers—Revs. Hoick, Gehrcke, Leech and Arps, and Mr. Johnson.

Minutes of Conferences—Revs. Weaver and Stoever and Messrs. Lobdell and Gutleben.

Claims—Revs. Yutzy and Gruver, and Messrs. Derr and Cornelius.

Excuses—Revs. Derr and Meyer, and Messrs. Beiers and Sichler.

Resolutions—Revs. Ball, Stafford and Crouser, and Messrs. Clauss and Jumper.

Apportionment—Revs. Trabert and Hoick, and Mr. Hjort.

Auditing—Messrs. Wm. Scheehl and Oscar Weibel.

Revision of Constitution—Revs. Trabert, Gruver, Ball and Weaver.

Appendix A—TREASURER'S REPORT

CONGREGATIONS	United Lutheran Church Apportionment			California Synod Apportionment			UNAPPORTIONED OBJECTS															GRAND TOTAL
	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Nation'l Lutheran Council	Near East Relief	India Diam'd Jubilee	Tabitha Home	Nachusa Orphanage	Synod S.Sch. Work	Pacific Theol. Sem.	Autofor Rev. Ped'rsn	Amer. Red Cross	Good Shep'd Home	Protg. in India	Bd. of Ch.Ex Specl.	Bd. of F Mis. Spec'l	Calif. Ed. Inst.	
Balance on Hand		$	$	634 41																27 20	$ 661 61
Alameda, Christ	$ 75 00			26 00			105 65	10 01													216 66
Alpaugh, First	14 00	2 00	67 00	52 50	25 50		5 00										30 00				101 50
Berkeley, St. Michael's	135 00		11 00	22 00		50 00	312 32	62 00				3 00				15 00					549 32
Fresno, First	152 00			64 10	10 10		203 18	23 80		12 18			45 00	15 51							515 77
Fresno, St. Paul's	166 00		543 00	69 00		179 00	64 00								15 00						314 00
Fresno, Wartburg			500 00			175 00															
Glendale, First	92 00		23 00	64 00	20 00		33 45					5 00									194 45
Long Beach, Trinity	300 00			104 00			437 79	90 87	121 50	16 00		10 00									1080 16
Los Angeles, First	1204 00			421 00			1509 70														3134 70
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	349 00			122 00			339 14	20 00	17 50												967 64
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	178 00			62 00			180 00		55 00												475 00
Oakland, First	262 00			92 00			311 00		5 00	15 00		3 00									688 00
Pasadena, Trinity	254 00			88 00			243 00														585 00
Phoenix, Grace	146 00			52 00			100 00	31 50		15 00	10 00										354 50
Redlands, First	103 00			42 50	6 50		493 25														628 75
Riverside, Trinity	196 00			69 00			350 90	95 00	25 00	5 00	10 00										750 90
Sacramento, First			190 00	15 00		52 00	140 00														155 00
Sacramento, St. John's	534 00			188 00			913 00		45 00	5 00											1685 00
Salinas, Our Savior's	66 00	1 00		22 00																	88 00
San Bernardino, First	125 00			79 00	35 00		114 15				2 00	2 00									322 15
San Diego, First	323 00			113 00			167 29	50 00		10 00		10 00	25 00								698 29
San Francisco, First	246 50	78	11 28	70 23		20 77	34 60	5 25	40 77				24 00								421 35
San Francisco, St. Andrew's	9 00		129 00	7 00		42 00															16 00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	121 00		262 00	88 00		46 00				3 00											212 00
San Francisco, St. Marks							25 00														25 00
San Francisco, Temple	81 00	6 00		26 00			108 10		3 20	14 45		1 00		5 00				50 00	5 16		293 91
Sanger, St. Paul's	107 00		42 00	52 00			305 00														464 00
San Jose, Bethel	25 00		76 00	15 00		20 00	5 00														45 00
San Jose, Grace	212 00			31 00		43 00	16 00		25 00		12 00										296 00
Santa Barbara, Grace	56 00	1 00		20 00	1 00		43 00	12 00													131 00
W. H. and F. M. Society				35 00																	35 00
Central Savings Bank																				1 08	1 08
Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Combs				25 00			47 75														72 75
Rev. L. C. Routzahn				10 00																	10 00
Mr. Nels Jensen														50 00							50 00
Rev. and Mrs. E. Meyer							15 00							10 00					10 00		35 00
Rev. J. K. Reed												5 00									5 00
Rev. N. N. Harter														25 00							25 00
Rev. M. E. Rinker				50																	50
Friend of Ministerial Education				16 76																	16 76
Total	$5531 50	$ 10 78	$1854 28	$2798 00	$98 10	$607 77	$6682 27	$400 43	$337 97	$95 63	$34 00	$39 00	$94 00	$105 51	$15 00	$15 00	$30 00	$50 00	$15 16	$28 28	$16,271 75

PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Pastor	Parish	Church	When Organized.	Membership: Churches.	Membership: Baptized.	Membership: Confirmed.	Membership: Communing.	Accessions: Infant Baptism.	Accessions: Adult Baptism.	Accessions: Confirmation.	Accessions: Certificate.	Accessions: Otherwise.	Losses: Death.	Losses: Certificate.	Losses: Exclusion.	Losses: Otherwise.	Students: Catechumens.	Students: Ministry.	Students: In Luth. Institutions	Students: In Non-Luth. Inst.	Church Societies: Men's Number.	Church Societies: Men's Members.	Church Societies: Women Number.	Church Societies: Women Members.	Church Societies: Young People Number.	Church Societies: Young People Members.	Church Schools: Week Day Number	Church Schools: Week Day Teachers	Church Schools: Week Day Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday Number.	Church Schools: Sunday Officers and Teachers.	Church Schools: Sunday Scholars.	Church Schools: Sunday Home Dept.	Church Schools: Sunday Cradle Roll.	Church Schools: Sunday Local and Benevolent Contributions
1	O. H. Gruver	Alameda	Christ	1852	1	65	46	30	5	..	7	4	...	...	...	..	10	7	..	..	2	..	..	1	14	..	...	..	..	..	1	5	40	...	...	....
2	Vacant	Alpaugh	First	1908	1	20	14	14	2	..	...	...	...	2	6	..	9	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
3	E. A. Trabert	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	1	135	85	71	5	..	3	2	22	...	...	..	6	5	..	..	2	1	23	1	24	1	30	..	..	..	1	13	95	...	12	....
4	J. E. Stermer	Fresno	First	1917	1	78	64	61	4	1	4	3	...	...	...	..	15	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	1	26	..	..	..	1	9	65	...	12	$25
5	C. Legler	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	1	875	350	314	54	..	26	...	41	14	...	8	16	18	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	1	30	..	..	..	1	14	130	...	...	1
6	F. F. Fritzler	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	1	344	206	165	12	..	6	...	13	1	7	..	37	...	..	..	..	1	12	1	23	1	28	..	..	..	1	6	138	...	...	6
7	Vacant	Glendale	First*	1912	1	50	40	30	1	..	2	7	...	1	12	..	16	18	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	10
8	D. J. Snyder	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	1	187	152	132	6	..	7	6	17	4	6	..	8	10	..	..	2	..	..	2	36	1	21	..	..	..	1	23	129	2	12	3
9	W. S. Dysinger	Los Angeles	First	1887	1	1119	544	520	21	6	13	38	39	11	13	..	292	27	1	2	13	..	..	4	145	..	...	..	..	..	1	30	250	...	...	4
10	J. W. Ball	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1	283	215	153	6	1	7	33	3	4	8	4	3	7	..	..	1	..	..	1	44	2	35	..	..	..	1	15	103	22	24	43
11	J. E. Hoick	Los Angeles	St. Paul's*	1914	1	117	75	69	5	4	4	6	5	1	8	..	10	19	1	1	1	..	..	1	19	1	15	..	..	..	1	12	98	...	65	224
12	G. H. Hillerman	Oakland	First	1890	1	175	134	112	7	1	2	12	6	4	14	..	8	4	1	..	13	1	15	2	35	1	37	..	..	..	1	18	82	16	15	25
13	W. H. Derr	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	1	140	120	83	3	1	5	3	1	1	3	..	4	7	..	..	2	..	..	2	41	..	...	..	..	..	1	7	68	...	...	17
14	F. C. Maurer	Phoenix	Grace	1914	1	112	73	52	6	..	2	9	3	...	...	..	...	2	..	..	1	1	22	1	25	..	...	..	..	..	1	8	52	15	12	204
15	C. F. W. Stoever	Redlands	First	1901	1	110	62	59	7	1	1	22	...	...	...	..	3	...	..	..	..	..	..	2	22	1	10	..	..	..	1	7	60	...	...	47
16	H. J. Weaver	Riverside	Trinity	1894	1	160	103	80	6	..	2	6	9	3	1	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	2	52	1	18	..	..	..	1	13	72	10	8	177
17	E. Meyer	Sacramento	First	1890	1	58	31	58	1	..	...	...	...	5	...	..	46	...	..	..	1	..	..	1	9	..	...	..	..	..	1	10	25	...	2	80
18	C. F. Oehler	Sacramento	St. John's*	1867	1	561	217	217	13	..	8	...	11	6	...	..	11	8	..	..	2	..	..	2	150	1	15	..	..	..	1	15	95	...	25	165
19	J. Yutzy	Salinas	Our Savior	1906	1	28	28	20	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	10	..	..	..	1	5	35	...	...	.....
20	J. A. M. Ziegler	San Bernardino	First	1909	1	130	90	89	9	1	6	13	31	1	1	..	...	5	..	..	4	1	15	2	30	..	...	..	..	..	1	10	65	...	...	95
21	E. P. Schueler	San Diego	First	1888	1	278	217	140	2	1	4	6	...	3	6	..	...	8	2	2	5	..	..	2	50	1	27	..	..	..	1	11	80	40	...	341
22	A. Jatho	San Francisco	St. Andrew's	1903	1	238	107	53	4	..	...	...	2	5	...	..	...	7	..	..	5	..	..	2	137	..	...	..	..	..	1	2	24	...	...	35
23	J. R. Braeuer	San Francisco	First	1886	1	128	128	116	12	2	5	1	3	2	3	..	...	8	..	1	10	..	..	1	35	1	15	..	..	..	1	13	45	...	...	194
25	H. Gehrcke	San Francisco	St. Matthew'	1895	1	524	308	185	20	..	7	5	...	7	3	..	...	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	105	1	38	1	1	14	1	9	60	...	...	265
26	R. Arps	San Francisco	Temple	1916	1	212	73	30	8	..	16	...	10	3	...	..	2	17	..	..	..	1	12	1	16	1	17	..	..	..	1	10	115	...	24	83
27	H. Wiemken	Sanger	St. Paul's*	1908	1	194	113	81	10	..	8	...	17	1	...	..	...	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	...	1	1	41	1	5	66	...	...	.....
28	W. E. Crouser (S)	San Jose	Bethel*	1899	1	50	30	13	1	..	1	1	1	2	6	..	25	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	....	..	...	..	..	..	1	4	30	...	...	30
29	W. E. Crouser	San Jose	Grace	1892	1	198	91	91	8	2	4	7	5	...	2	..	10	6	..	..	8	..	..	2	30	1	20	..	..	..	1	14	98	24	20	116
30	H. C. Stafford	Santa Barbara	Grace*	1903	1	43	30	22	2	..	...	1	4	1	1	..	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	1	12	..	..	..	1	3	22	...	7	40
Independent Congregation																																				
24	H. S. Feix	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1	1294	§	§	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...			..	..	..	..	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	...	.....
31	Totals for 1920				....	30	7906	3746	3060	240	23	150	185	243	82	100	12	533	207	5	6	73	6	99	39	1107	19	404	2	2	55	27	291	2142	129	238	$4210
32	Totals for 1919				....	30	8418	4127	2966	350	46	161	108	74	120	767	..	88	238	5	..	..	4	50	32	895	23	479	..	..	..	33	342	2491	143	346	4869
33	Increase				....	..	....	....	94	...	..	...	77	169	...	...	..	445	...	..	..	..	2	49	7	212	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	.....
34	Decrease				....	..	512	381	....	110	23	11	...	...	38	667	..	...	31	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	75	..	..	..	6	51	349	14	108	659

*Parsonage. §Independent Congregation. dDeficit. eExcess. (S) Supply

PAROCHIAL REPORT—Concluded

FINANCE

Index Number	Church Property: Value of Church and School Property.	Church Property: Value of Parsonage.	Church Property: Value of Endowments.	Church Property: Total Valuation.	Church Property: Indebtedness.	United Ch. Benevo: Amount Apportioned for the United Church.	United Ch. Benevo: Paid on U. C. Apportionment.	United Ch. Benevo: Excess or Deficit.	Synodical Benevol: Amount Apportioned for District Synod.	Synodical Benevol: Paid on D. S. Apportionment.	Synodical Benevol: Excess or Deficit.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Local Home Missions.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Women's Missy Society.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Orphans' Home.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Homes for the Aged.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Hospitals.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Inner Mission.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Theological Seminaries.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Other Benevolences.	Unapportioned Benevolence: Total Benevolence Unapportioned.	Summary: Current Expenses.	Summary: Unusual Expenses.	Summary: Total Benevolence.	Summary: Total Contributions.
1	$6,000	$	$	$6,000	$	$75	$75	$	$26	$26	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$115	$115	$540	$25	$216	$781
2	6,000			6,000	675	79	14	65d	27	53	26e		35							35	136	100	102	338
3	17,250	5,500		22,750	12,000	146	135	11d	52	22	30d								390	405	2,873	1,481	562	4,916
4						152	152		54	54			65	12					278	425	1,145	318	631	2,094
5	8,500			8,500	2,000	709	166	543d	248	69	179d			15					201	216	1,110	585	451	2,146
6	7,500			7,500	700	502		500d	175		175d								64	64	1,172	165	64	1,401
7	4,500	2,000		6,500	2,800	125	92	33d	44	64	20e								38	38	772	900	194	1,866
8	12,000			12,000	550	303	300		104	104				16			10		850	980	1,990	195	1,384	3,569
9	125,000			125,000	11,000	1,204	1,204		421	421			357			250			1,800	2,407	6,815	2,527	4,032	13,374
10	19,500		150	19,650	1,000	349	349		122	122			106		1	10			771	888	1,996	2,241	1,359	5,596
11	4,000	4,200		8,200		178	178		62	62			167						286	453	869	4,345	693	5,907
12	60,000			60,000	4,000	262	262		92	92			94	15				100	405	614	1,720	2,844	968	5,532
13	12,000			12,000		254	254		88	88			167						243	410	1,293		752	2,045
14	5,000			5,000	1,000	146	146		52	52				25					132	157	696	921	355	1,972
15	10,000			10,000		103	103		36	43	7e								493	493	1,053	125	636	1,814
16	8,000			8,000		196	196		69	69			87	15					486	558	1,536		853	2,389
17	25,000			25,000	2,000	190		190d	67	15	52d										800		15	815
18	90,000	8,000	430	98,430		534	534		188	188			175		5	7	4		1,185	1,376	3,220	160	2,098	5,478
19	5,000			5,000		65	66	1e	22	22											362		116	478
20	8,000			8,000	2,585	125	125		44	44				2					119	121	1,084		290	1,374
21	20,000			20,000	1,000	323	323		113	113			138	19				25	282	455	3,873	491	891	5,255
22	16,500			16,500		148	11	137d	39	5	34d		58						87	145	780		161	941
23	60,000		5,500	65,500	4,700	257	247	10d	91	70	21d		63					24	81	168	3,982		485	4,467
25	45,000			45,000	4,950	383	121	262d	134	88	46d		37	3					275	315	3,429	1,865	524	5,828
26	6,500			6,500	575	75	76	1e	26	26										38	466	50	190	706
27	2,000	2,500		4,500	500	201	107	94d	52	52									305	305	650	790	516	1,956
28	10,000	2,500		12,500		101	25	76d	35	15	20d	9							10	19	442		59	501
29	25,000			25,000	2,000	212	212		74	31	43d	30	106	12					188	336	1,558	302	579	2,439
30	11,000	1,500		12,500	1,300	55	56	1e	19	20	1e		15						55	70	634	102	146	882
24	180,000			180,000																	$			
	$809,250	$26,200	$6,080	$841,530	$55,335	$7,447	$5,529	$1,921d	$2,576	$2,030	$626	$39	$1,670	$125	$6	$267	$14	$219	$9,139	$11,636	$47,006	$20,532	$19,322	$86,860
	763,250				58,592		2,572			$1,986										6,112	40,002	12,338	11,854	64,194
	46,000						1,957			44										5,524	7,004	8,194	7,468	22,666
					3,257																			

APPENDIX D—Apportionment 1920-1921

Pastorates	Churches	Communicant Membership.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Foreign Missions.	Northwestern Missions.	Immigrant Missions.	West Indies Missions.	Jewish Missions.	Inner Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Education.	Deaconess Work.	Home for Aged.	U. L. C. Treasury.	California Synod Treasury.	Ministerial Education.	California Home Missions.	Totals.
			$ .635	$ .406	$ .55	$ 0.06	$ .04	$ .095	$ .015	$ .02	$ .18	$ .275	$ .067	$ .04	$ .08	$ .37	$ .22	$ .41	$ 3.489
Alameda	Christ	30	20	12	17	2	1	3	1	1	5	8	2	1	2	11	7	12	105
Alpaugh	First	14	9	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	5	3	6	52
Berkeley	St. Michael's	71	47	29	39	4	3	7	1	1	13	20	5	3	6	26	16	29	249
Fresno	First	61	41	25	34	3	2	6	1	1	11	17	4	2	5	23	13	25	213
Fresno	St. Paul's	314	209	127	173	18	13	30	5	6	57	86	21	13	25	116	69	129	1.097
Fresno	Wartburg	165	110	67	91	9	7	16	2	3	30	45	11	7	13	61	36	68	576
Glendale	First	30	20	12	17	2	1	3	1	1	5	8	2	1	2	11	7	12	105
Long Beach	Trinity	132	88	54	73	7	5	13	2	3	24	36	9	5	11	49	29	54	462
Los Angeles	First	520	346	211	286	29	21	49	8	10	94	143	35	21	42	192	114	213	1.814
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	153	102	62	84	9	6	15	2	3	28	42	10	6	12	57	34	63	535
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	69	46	28	38	4	3	7	1	1	12	19	5	3	6	26	15	28	242
Oakland	First	112	74	45	62	6	4	11	2	2	20	31	8	4	9	41	25	46	390
Pasadena	Trinity	83	55	34	46	5	3	8	1	2	15	23	6	3	7	31	18	34	291
Phoenix	Grace	52	35	21	29	3	2	5	1	1	9	14	3	2	4	19	11	21	180
Redlands	First	59	39	24	32	3	2	6	1	1	11	16	4	2	5	22	13	24	205
Riverside	Trinity	80	53	32	44	4	3	8	1	2	14	22	5	3	6	30	18	33	278
Sacramento	First	58	39	24	32	3	2	6	1	1	10	16	4	2	5	21	13	24	203
Sacramento	St. John's	217	144	88	119	12	9	21	3	4	39	60	15	9	17	80	48	89	757
Salinas	Our Savior	20	13	8	11	1	1	2	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	7	4	8	71
San Bernardino	First	89	59	36	49	5	4	8	1	2	16	24	6	4	7	33	20	36	310
San Diego	First	140	94	57	77	8	5	13	2	3	25	39	9	5	11	52	31	57	488
San Francisco	St. Andrew's	53	35	22	29	3	2	5	1	1	10	15	4	2	4	20	12	22	187
San Francisco	First	116	77	47	64	6	5	11	2	2	21	32	8	5	9	43	26	48	406
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	185	123	75	102	10	7	18	3	4	33	51	12	7	15	68	41	76	645
San Francisco	Temple	30	20	12	17	2	1	3	1	1	5	8	2	1	2	11	7	12	105
Sanger	St. Paul's	81	54	33	45	5	3	8	1	2	15	22	5	3	6	30	18	33	283
San Jose	Bethel	13	9	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	5	3	5	48
San Jose	Grace	91	61	37	54	5	4	9	1	2	16	25	6	4	7	34	20	37	322
Santa Barbara	Grace	22	15	9	12	1	1	2	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	8	5	9	78
Totals		3.059	$ 2037	$1.242	$1.691	$ 171	$ 122	$ 295	$ 50	$ 64	$ 551	$ 842	$ 205	$ 122	$ 244	$1.132	$ 676	$1 253	$ 10.697

APPENDIX E, CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA SYNOD

ARTICLE ONE

THE SYNOD

Section I—The Name

The name and title of the Body organized under this Constitution shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in connection with the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section II—The Doctrinal Basis

(a) This Synod receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

(b) This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds—namely, the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian— as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

(c) This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

(d) This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Section III—The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ministers and congregations in unity with the Doctrinal Basis in Section II, received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister applying for admission and accepting this Constitution with its doctrinal basis, may be received into membership in the order hereinafter provided.

3. Any congregation located within or contiguous to the natural bounds of the territory of this Synod, may, upon approval of the Executive Committee, be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

4. Other members shall be such as are received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

Section IV—Objects, Duties and Powers

In accordance with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II of this Article, and in full accord with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, this Body recognizes that all power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just

duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments.

Therefore this Body is organized

(a) To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5-6; Augsburg Confession, Article VII).

(b) To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; I Cor. 1:10); to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17); and to strengthen the congregations in faith, in confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

(c) To give outward expression to the spiritual unity of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

(d) To awaken, co-ordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregations in such operations as the following:

1. The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word: and the upbuilding, maintenance and strengthening of institutions for the promotion of such training.

2. The extension of the Kingdom of God by the support of Home, Foreign and Inner Missions, under the administration and functions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

3. The proper regulation of the human externals of worship in the congregation and family, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, as well as the practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the Body of Christ.

4. The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in co-operation with the Boards, Committees, and Agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(e) To solicit and disburse funds, and to devise ways and means necessary for the purposes of the work defined in this Constitution.

(f) To ordain fitted men to the holy office of the Ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination or an unworthy or a wicked life.

(g) To maintain discipline unto the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

(h) To maintain a true connection and relation with The United Lutheran Church in America, and all its interests and obligations.

Section V—Distribution of Functions and Powers

The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall be distributed into three departments: 1. The Synod. 2. The Ministerial Session. 3. The Conferences.

ARTICLE TWO

Meetings

1. A regular meeting of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the By-Laws.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Committee or the written request of one-fifth of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary, by publication in an official organ of The United Lutheran Church, at least four weeks in advance for regular meetings, and two weeks for special meetings.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1—The Officers

1. The Officers of the Synod shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary or Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Statistician and an Historian. Excepting the Vice-Presidents they shall be elected at regular meetings of the Synod. Ministers only shall be eligible to the offices of President and Secretary. For administrative purposes the Synod may from time to time elect and designate other officers additional to those named in this paragraph.

2. The term of office of all officers shall be one year or until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible to re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the same until the next regular meeting of the Synod.

4. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by their office, and such remuneration as the Synod may determine.

Section II—The President

1. The term of the office of the President shall begin on the adjournment of the Synod following his election.

2. He shall exercise oversight over all ministers and congregations connected with the Synod, and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the Church.

3. He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod, and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly obeyed, and its resolutions carried into effect.

4. As necessity arises he shall visit the congregations belonging to the Synod, and confer and advise with pastors and people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare.

5. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office, and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its By-Laws.

6. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by the Constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, the President is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to sign the same and to affix the corporate seal of the Synod.

7. He shall annually submit to the Synod a report of all his official acts, except matters of a pastoral or private character, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section III—The Secretaries

1. There shall be a Secretary of the Synod as a corporation, who shall keep all official minutes of the Synod. He, with any other Secretaries which the Synod may elect, shall enter upon his duty on the adjournment of Synod following his election.

2. The Secretary or Secretaries shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod, with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also a similar register of the congregations and parishes connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them Accurate and faithful records of all the proceedings of the Synod and of the ministerial sessions shall be kept by the Secretary or Secretaries, who shall have charge of the printing and distribution of the Minutes, as directed by the Synod, and such other duties as the Synod may from time to time direct.

3. The Secretary of the Corporation is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod or required by the Constitution or necessary in carrying on the business of the Corporation, and signed and sealed by the President.

Section IV—The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the Treasurer shall begin on the adjournment of the Synod following his election.

2. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the moneys and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues, and of its trust funds, except such as Synod may specially commit to other agents, holding the same at all times subject to the order of the Synod.

3. He shall receive and acknowledge all contributions, donations, legacies and bequests made to the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Synod or by the Executive Committee during the interim.

4. He shall keep a regular account with each congregation of the Synod, and at least quarterly during the Synodical year inform the Council or Vestry of each congregation of the state of this account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of the Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. By and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee he shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy of record any mortgages, judgments, notes or recorded evidences of indebtedness, upon the payment and receipt in full of the amounts so secured by the same, and to assign and trans-

fer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans or judgments.

6. He shall deposit regularly all moneys received for any account of the Synod, and make all investments, in the name of and to the use of the Synod.

7. On entering upon his office he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the Executive Committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the President.

8. At each annual convention he shall render a full, detailed and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements in his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligations to The United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified.

Section V.—Additional Officers and Duties

1. Vice-Presidents. They shall perform the duties of the President at any time that the latter may be incapacitated by the Synodical Constitution, and at all times he shall render the President such assistance as he may request.

2. The Statistician. He shall prepare the Parochial Report of Synod from the reports submitted by the pastors, which, with the Apportionment Table for the ensuing year, he shall have ready by the annual authorization of the Executive Committee for presentation early during the Convention of Synod.

3. Historian. He shall gather and preserve all Synodical records, papers, documents, etc., as well as those from congregations of Synod, which may be deemed of historic value to the Synod of California.

ARTICLE FOUR

The Ministerial Session

1. The ordained members of the Synod shall constitute the Ministerial Session.

2. To the Ministerial Session shall belong the duty of passing upon and reporting to the Synod all applications for ordination or reception of ministers recommended by the Examining Committee; of examining and trying cases of heresy in doctrine or teaching and preaching what is in conflict with the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II; of hearing and trying, in executive session, cases in which appeal is granted by Synod from the findings of a Committee on Discipline; and of transacting such other business as the Synod may refer to it.

3. A regular Ministerial Session shall be held in connection with the annual convention of Synod, when the Examining Committee is prepared to report its recommendations in the matter of applicants for ordination or membership. Other sessions during the Annual Synodical Convention may be called by the President.

4. The Ministerial Session shall be subject to the rules of order governing a regular Synodical meeting; and one-third of the ministers belonging to Synod shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE FIVE

The Conferences

1. District Conferences shall be constituted, composed of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory, as from time to time determined by Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each Conference to care for the interests and development of the Church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod; and, with the consent of the President of Synod and the congregations concerned, to alter existing pastoral charges; and to attend to such other duties within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod.

3. The members of the Synodical Mission Board, hereinafter provided for, together with the President of the Conference, shall be the Conference Mission Committee, who shall have charge of the mission work within the bounds of the Conference.

4. Each Conference shall annually appoint a committee on systematic benevolence, of which the President of the Conference shall be chairman, to co-operate with the Synodical Treasurer (or such other official as Synod may appoint for the promotion of systematic benevolence), as a Committee of Ways and Means, and report to Conference on benevolence offerings, apportionments and uniform statistics.

5. Every pastor, ordained minister of the Synod not actively serving a pastorate, and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing or being located within the bounds of a Conference shall by that fact belong to that Conference If any portion of a pastoral charge is not within the boundary lines of the same Conference District, the place in which the pastor resides shall determine his own and the Conference connection of his pastoral charge.

6. Each Conference shall meet at least once in each year, and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Synod, the President of the Conference, or as may be otherwise determined by the Conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the Conference, together with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

7. Each Conference shall annually elect a minister to be President, and such other officers as may be necessary for the transaction of its business. These Presidents of Conferences shall be the Vice-Presidents of Synod; and the President of the Conference to which the President of Synod belongs shall be the First Vice-President of Synod.

8. The Conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod or of the regulations and resolutions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

9. The President of the Synod shall have a voice in meetings of each Conference.

10. The actions of a Conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

11. The President of each Conference shall make a written report of the year's work to each meeting of the Conference.

12. The President of each Conference shall make a written report, including an abstract of the proceedings of the Conference, stating also the condition and needs of the Church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the President of the Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE SIX

Section I—The Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Synod consisting of the President, the Secretary of the Corporation and the Treasurer of the Synod, together with an equal number of ministers and laymen to be elected annually by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the Synod and to carry out its resolutions; to attend to the business of the Synod during the interim; to co-ordinate the work of the executive departments; to supervise and provide effective agencies for the laying and collection of apportionments; to promote the interests of the United Lutheran Church in America and this Body's relation thereto; to receive reports of the work and needs of the several Boards, Committees, and executive Agencies of the Synod and to present a budget with apportionments to the annual convention; to fill vacancies not otherwise provided for; and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by Synod, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

3. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod, and report thereon; recommend all appropriations to be made by the Synod, and without its approval no appropriations shall be made, except by a three-fourths vote of the Synod.

4. It shall hold regular meetings during the interim as it may determine. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod, or, in case of his death or removal, by the Secretary of the Corporation. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

5. It shall have power to appoint all necessary sub-committees from among its members. It shall also determine the amount of salary to be paid to any officer of the Synod entitled thereto, when not otherwise determined, and shall make appropriations to meet its necessary expenses.

Section II—The Synodical Mission Board

1. There shall be a Synodical Mission Board consisting of the President of Synod, *ex-officio*, and six members elected by Synod, three of whom shall be from each Conference, and one of each three may be a layman. One from each Conference shall be elected each year to serve for a period of three years, the entire Board being elected the first year for one, two, and three year terms.

2. The Committee may elect a Secretary and Treasurer, and shall hold regular meetings as may be necessary (at least quarterly) to hear reports and consider all applications for aid and the needs of all missions and new fields on the Synodical territory. The Missionary Superintendent may be elected Secretary of the Board.

3. It shall superintend and have charge of the missions on

the territory of the Synod, under the direction and rules of the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The United Lutheran Church in America. It shall confer with the district General Superintendent of said General Board, and with him make a budget for the necessary funds to be expended on the Synodical territory for the year, which budget shall be submitted for approval to said General Board. The budget decided upon by the district General Superintendent and the Synodical Board shall represent a maximum amount for the year.

4. The Synodical Mission Board shall also co-operate with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The United Lutheran Church in America in matters of Church Extension funds.

5. The Board shall endeavor to foster and cultivate a missionary spirit among the congregations of the Synod, and it shall advise with and assist Conference Committees in planting new Missions. It shall have charge of and superintend the work and activities of Inner Missions, of City and Seamen's, and other general missionaries whose salaries, either in whole or in part, are paid by the Synod; and such general missionaries shall render quarterly reports to the Committee.

6. This Board shall recommend, when deemed advisable, the calling of a Synodical Missionary Superintendent for a period of three years.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section I—Committee of Presidents

1. This Committee shall consist of the President of the Synod, who shall be its Chairman, and the Presidents of the Conferences.

2. The duty of this Committee shall be to advise with and assist the President of Synod in the discharge of the duties of his office; to confer with him concerning the needs of the Church on the territory of the respective Conferences, and to consider and advise with him concerning resolutions and needs of The United Lutheran Church in America to make the same effective in the congregations of the Synod; and to act upon such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the Synod.

3. This Committee shall make a record of all pastoral installations, cornerstone layings, dedications of Churches, etc., together with proper memoirs of ministers of the Synod deceased during the year; and report the same and all its actions to the annual convention of the Synod.

Section II—Committee on Ministerial Education

1. This Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed annually by the President of the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of this Committee to devise ways and means to encourage young men to prepare for the Ministry of the Gospel; to disburse such funds as the Synod shall appropriate or as may be granted by the Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church in America for the assistance of Students for the Ministry, and supervise their work under such rules as the Synod shall approve; and to present to the Synod all such information and recommendations regarding the work of Ministerial Education as may require consideration or action.

Section III—The Examining Committee

1. This Committee shall consist of not less than five ordained ministers of Synod who shall be appointed by the President of the Synod for a term of three years, in such manner that the term of at least one member shall expire each year

2. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into the Synod, as provided in Article Eight, Section I.

3. This Committee shall report to the Ministerial Session, and shall recommend such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article Eight, Section I, but a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee present shall be necessary for recommendation.

ARTICLE EIGHT

The Reception of Members

Section I—Ministers

1. All applications for ordination or for reception into the Synod shall be made to the President and referred by him to the Examining Committee, which shall report on the same to the Ministerial Session; and upon the recommendation of a two-thirds vote of the Ministerial Session, the final decision shall be made by the Synod.

2. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall sign this Constitution prior to admission into membership.

A. Applicants for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of the Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the Ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applications for ordination shall present to the Examining Committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character and also of the course pursued in theological study.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Committee that he has received a regular call from a congregation, a Synod or a Church Board, to a specific field of ministerial labor, and that he has accepted such call upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call may present himself for examination, and if approved by the Examining Committee, he may be favorably reported by the Ministerial Session and recommended to the Synod for ordination—which shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the President that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of the provisions of this Constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

B. Of Ordained Ministers

1. Any regularly ordained minister of a constituent Synod

of The United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, shall furnish evidence of his ordination and Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal issued by the Synod from which he comes; he shall present himself for consultation to the Examining Committee; and, if, on favorable report of said Committee to the Ministerial Session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

2. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, belonging to a Synod not constituent of The United Lutheran Church in America, who may apply for admission into the Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal or testimonial of good standing issued by the Body from which he comes; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his loyal appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America; and if, on favorable report from the Examining Committee to the Ministerial Session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

3. A minister coming from an Ecclesiastical Body other than Lutheran shall, with his application for membership, present satisfactory evidence of his ordination and his Christian character, as well as his good standing in the Body with which he was formerly connected. His application and testimonials shall be referred to the Examining Committee, who, in colloquium with the applicant, shall ascertain his knowledge and acceptance of Lutheran doctrine and practice, especially the doctrinal basis and usages of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America. If such examination warrant, the Examining Committee shall, in each instance, recommend to the Ministerial Session the action to be taken; and if, on favorable report of the Committee, two-thirds of the ministers present and voting shall approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

Section II—Reception of Congregations

A congregation desiring admission to the Synod shall place in the hands of the President a formal application signed by the Secretary of the Church Council and by the Pastor, and shall send a representative to the meeting of the Synod: it shall submit a copy of its Constitution, and of its Charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the requirements of the Constitution of the Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of the Synod at any meeting. Contemplated changes of its Constitution, affecting its articles on Faith, adherence to the Synod and The United Lutheran Church in America, and disposition of its property, shall be reported to the President of the Synod for his approval..

ARTICLE NINE

Section I—Ministers

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have become such by ordination or by reception from another Synod in accordance with Article Eight of this Constitution. Their

membership shall cease only by death, by regular transfer and reception into another Synod, or by process under Article Eleven. They become pastors by being regularly called to serve a congregation or pastoral charge of the Synod, and after their installation as such upon the approval of the President of the Synod.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations the Synod may include and continue upon its ministerial roll such who, although without a pastoral charge, hold educational, executive, missionary or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod or by The United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted Boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching, and teaching, to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by The United Lutheran Church in America; he shall care for the people under his pastorate as individuals and as congregations in common faith and harmonious interest with all other members and congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America; give catechetical instruction regularly; confirm; perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the laws of God and of the State; visit and minister to the sick and infirm; bury the dead; install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, with the Council, administer discipline; supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation, and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland, and abroad. To this end he shall seek out and encourage young men having proper natural gifts and qualifications to prepare for ordination to the Holy Ministry of the Gospel; co-operate with the agencies and officers of Conference and Synod in every way to educate the people to increase their liberality for the causes of benevolence recommended by the Synod or supported by The United Lutheran Church in America; and shall use his best endeavor to stimulate piety in the individual and family life of the people, as well as a knowledge of the Church and her work by the circulation of the literature of the Church.

5. The pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members dismissed, deceased or excommunicated, together with a roster of all communicant members of his charge, keeping the record of each congregation in a pastoral charge in a separate book, which shall be the property of the congregation; and shall annually report an accurate abstract of these statistics to the Synod or to an official appointed by the Synod for that purpose, for publication in a Synodical table of Parochial Reports.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate or pastoral charge of a brother minister, except upon his request or with his consent; nor shall he visit

and preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant charge or congregation except upon formal invitation of the Church Council, or the consent or appointment of the President of the Synod.

7. Should a minister belonging to this Synod find himself constrained to demit the regular duties of the ministry, his name shall be continued upon the roll as a member; but if he engages in any business or office incompatible with the nature of the Holy Office of the Ministry, such act shall be sufficient reason why the Synod, upon recommendation of the Ministerium, should strike his name from its membership roll. In this connection the Committee of Presidents is charged to report annually to the Ministerial Session for consideration and reference a full list of all others than superannuated or physically incapacitated ministers on the roll for a period of two or more years, who have not been engaged in regular ministerial work as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Section, and the Ministerium shall decide when the name of a disengaged minister is to be recommended to the Synod to be dropped from the roll of members.

8. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this Synod, he shall, upon application to the President, be entitled to, and the President shall furnish him with, a certificate of honorable dismissal; but until formally received into the membership of the Synod to which he has been dismissed he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

9. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his congregation or pastoral charge remove into the bounds of another, to urge such members to connect themselves with the congregation into whose territory they have removed; to immediately notify the pastor of said pastoral charge of such removal; and, upon application, to furnish certificates of transfer to such as are entitled to the same.

10. When the Synod deems that loyalty to the Word of God requires it, it shall advise, admonish, and exercise discipline concerning the association and affiliation of its ministers with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices the Synod shall deem to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church. (See Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, Art. VIII. Section 6.)

11. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod, the Ministerial Session, and the Conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the Secretary an excuse for his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

Section II—Licentiates

1. In case of a lack of ordained ministers available to serve all the pastorates of the Synod, or for special pastoral service as need may arise, Theological students, of general qualifications fitted for ministry and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Luth-

eran Church, may be licensed by the Synod to preach and perform ministerial acts in charge of a pastorate to which they have been regularly called, or appointed by the President of Synod as supply pastors, for a period of time, on condition, however, that such licentiates agree to return to a Theological Seminary after a period of licensed service and complete their studies for graduation in the usual course as applicants for ordination.

2. Before accepting a call, a licentiate shall obtain the consent of the President of Synod.

3. All applications for licensure shall be made to the President of Synod and by him be referred to the Examining Committee.

4. Applicants for licensure shall appear before the Examining Committee, who, upon satisfactory evidence of fitness, may recommended such applicants to the Ministerial Session for licensure.

5. A licentiate shall have power to perform all ministerial acts, and represent his pastorate as a delegate to the Synod or Conference during the time specified in his license as if he were ordained.

6. After a licentiate has taken charge, he shall not leave the same during the time of his license without the consent or call of the President of Synod.

7. All licenses issued by order of the Synod shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Synod, but may, at the recommendation of the Ministerium, be renewed for one succeeding year.

8. Every licentiate shall keep an accurate journal of his ministerial acts, which, with at least four sermons preached by him, and his certificate of licensure, he shall deliver to the President of Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod, for the inspection of the Examining Committee.

9. Should the attention of the President of Synod be directed by common rumor or complaint to alleged offenses or incapacity of any licentiate of the Synod, he shall immediately investigate the matter; and, should he deem such action necessary, he shall immediately recall and annul the license of such licentiate.

ARTICLE TEN

The Congregations

1. It shall be the duty of the Church Council or Councils of every pastoral charge belonging to the Synod to appoint annually from its communicant members in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent the charge at all meetings of Synod and of Conference, and submit his report to the parish; and the congregation or pastoral charge shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's regular expenses to be in full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod, as it has a share in all its acts and supervision, shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, decisions and recommendations of the Synod and local Conference, and conform its public worship and

ministrations to the order used by The United Lutheran Church in America and approved by the Synod. It shall observe and make systematic effort to meet at least the apportioned amount of contributions to the treasury of the Synod, and afford to all its members a regular channel of contribution for the benevolent operations of the Church, the minimum amount being indicated by a budget of apportionments by Synod to the Congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the Synodical Treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due and liberal provision for the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments, endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's Day and see that the pastor is properly supported; and make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families and for the Christian training of the young.

3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in a congregation, the Church Council shall seek the advice and instruction of the President of the Synod.

4. In cases of strife and division, should any part of a congregation belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against the Constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of the Synod, that part of the congregation, whether majority or minority of its members, which continues in unity with the Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation.

5. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this Constitution or with the accepted regulations of The United Lutheran Church in America.

6. Should a pastor resign, the Church Council shall receive the letter of resignation and refer the same to the congregation for its action; and at once report the fact to the President of the Synod.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Discipline

Section I—Offenses

The offenses for which members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

(a) Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II.

(b) Conduct incompatible with moral purity or with the character of the ministerial office.

(c) Wilful disregard and violation of the constitution, authority, and resolutions of the Synod.

Section II—Penalties

1. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:

(a) Private censure and admonition by the President.

(b) Public censure and admonition in any session of the Synod or Conference.

(c) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period, or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.

(d) Exclusion from the Synod.

(e) Deposition from the ministerial office.

2. Should any congregation belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II; neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the President of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian Church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through applied benevolences; or wilfully disregard and violate the constitution and resolutions of the Synod and persist in such disregard and violation, it shall be excluded from membership in this Synod.

Section III—Processes Againts a Minister

A. The Bringing of Charges

1. By a Congregation

If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before a Church Council by six voting members in the congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the Congregation, the Council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

If, in the judgment of the Church Council a prima facie case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its findings in writing to the President of the Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded on the subscribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the Church Council shall ignore the accusation the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the President of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if it fails or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the President of the Synod.

2. By Members of the Synod

Three members of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister, but such charges must be specific, in writing, and signed by them.

3. By the President of the Synod

Should the attention of the President of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its members he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal. Should he fail in his efforts, or should he deem such action necessary, he shall appoint a committee of investigation as hereafter provided.

B. The Preliminary Investigation In Cases That May Require A Formal Trial

If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the President by a congregation, or by three members of the Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter; and, if the accused should desire an in-

vestigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the President shall order such investigation by the Conference, or he may appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before said committee to make answer to the charges.

When such investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the President, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality, or flagrant trangression, the same shall at once be reported to the President of the Synod, who shall immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

If the findings of the investigation show sufficient evidence of guilt, besides reporting the case to the President, the Conference or committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and the President of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at said meeting, when his case shall be heard and decided.

C. The Trial

When charges have been brought against a minister of the Synod and the preliminary investigation has shown that a formal trial is necessary, the President shall report the matter to the next annual meeting of the Synod, or to a special meeting called for the purpose, and the case shall be referred to a Committee on Discipline consisting of not less than (fifteen?) members. The charges and specifications against the accused shall be presented, in his presence if he desires it. The accused shall have the right and opportunity to be fully heard and to call witnesses in his own defense, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod. The Committee on Discipline shall hear all relevant testimony, and shall present its findings to the Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall also recommend the penalty to be inflicted. The findings of the Committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the Committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in secret session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the Committee on Discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties shall be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines that are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this Constitution, the Committee on Discipline shall consist entirely of ministers, and shall report its findings to the Ministerial Session; but the accused may appeal to the said Ministerial Session against the findings of the Committee, in which case the Minis-

terial Session shall proceed to try the charges. In acting upon the report of the Committee on Discipline or in its trial of charges, the Ministerial Session shall take a vote upon two counts; First, Is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, Is the accused guilty of preaching or teaching such doctrines? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only upon a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The Ministerial Session shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than suspension from the Ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recanation of the errors because of which he has been suspended.

When the Synod has made final decision in the case of the trial of a minister, the President of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty, the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body; also, if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty, and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

If in any case new evidence shall be presented to the President which shall be sufficient in his judgment to warrant a retrial, he shall present the evidence to the Synod, and the latter shall decide whether the case shall be reopened. When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special meeting of the Synod to consider the matter.

The proceedings in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole, before the final decision is reached and the result officially declared.

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's Constitution, but a pastor or member of any congregation belonging to the Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals, whether on the part of the pastor or a member of the congregation, must be made in writing to the President of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of said appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal, the President of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to the Conference with which the congregation is connected, or to a special committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or finding of the Conference or committee shall be reported to the President of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod at its subsequent meeting shall determine otherwise.

No minister or layman while under discipline or sentence of suspension shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, delegation, or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

It shall also be the duty of all pastors and congregations

belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to discipline.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The Synod shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Section I—The Seal and This Constitution

1. The Seal of the Synod presents the Golden Gate entrance to San Francisco Bay, with one ship in the foreground and one in the distance; above which is an open book, bearing the words, "Lux fiat;" underneath which are the words, "Organized April 2, 1891;" and around which are the words, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California."

2. The Seal shall be in charge of the President of the Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, licenses, etc., requiring the Seal of the Synod.

Section II.

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, insofar as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of the Synod, the Ministerial Session and the Conferences.

2. Section II of Article One (Subject, the Doctrinal Basis) of this Constitution shall not be altered nor amended by this Synod.

3. Other articles of the Constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting, provided that such proposed amendment be moved and presented in writing by not less than four members at a previous regular annual meeting, excepting that at the first annual meeting of the Synod, after the adoption of this Constitution, amendments may be adopted without the previous year's notice.

4. Everything in any By-Law, resolution, or enactment of the Synod differing or in conflict with this Constitution is hereby superseded and repealed.

BY-LAWS

1. Rules of Order

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of Synod.

2. Sunday School Secretary

The duties of the Sunday School Secretary shall be to gather data from the various pastors and congregations on the material and spiritual work of the Sunday Schools; to assist in the development of our Sunday School activities by giving information concerning the best methods of Lutheran Sunday School work; to arrange for systematic teacher training, either by suggestion, correspondence, or by Sunday School Institutes or Training Classes,

3. Additional Committees and Duties

(1) **State of Church.** The Committee on the State of the Church shall, in systematic manner, gather data from the various pastors and congregations on the material and spiritual condition and work of our various churches, including inquiry into the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and report on the same to Synod.

(2) **Minutes of Synod.** The Committee on Minutes of Synod shall see that the certified copies of the Minutes have been prepared and have been delivered to the proper persons; and it shall examine the Protocal and see that the items for the same have been properly and accurately recorded. It shall also bring to the notice of Synod any deferred or unfinished business held over from one convention of Synod to another.

(3) **Church Auxiliaries.** This Committee shall present an annual report to Synod covering the work of the various Auxiliaries of the Churches; and propose methods for increased efficiency. It shall have as its especial duty the fostering and encouraging of Lutheran Brotherhoods and Luther Leagues.

(4) **Reference and Council.** This Dommittee shall prepare the detailed Program of Synod, subject to the approval of Synod, and such program having been adopted shall not be deviated from, save by a two-thirds vote of Synod, and said vote shall be taken without debate. To this Committee shall be referred all requests for a place on the program, which requests shall be referred to Synod, if the Committee so determines, or shall be refused by it.

(5) **Publicity.** The business of this Committee shall be to report the proceedings of the Convention It shall consist of two members, one of whom shall be the Pastor of the Church entertaining Synod.

4. The Executive Committee

(1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Ministers and two laymen, elected annually by Synod. The Executive Committee shall be the legal Trustees of this Synod.

(2) The Executive Committee shall arrange for the necessary Liability Insurance for its employees, in accord with the laws of the State of California.

5. California Educational Institution.

(1) The management and control of the California Educational Institution of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be vested in a board of nine directors, six of whom shall be Ministers and three laymen, to be elected by ballot.

(2) The term of office of these directors shall be three years.

(3) Two clerical and one lay director shall be chosen each year.

(4) The Board of Directors shall present an annual report to Synod, in which the status, progress, needs, and condition of the material and spiritual interests of the Institution are indicated in detail.

6. Conferences.

This Synod shall be formed into two Conference Districts, divided by the Northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

7. The Meetings Synod.

(1) This Synod shall meet annually on the first Tuesday after the 9th day of September.

(2) The Treasurer's books shall close at midnight the 15th day of August preceding.

(3) The Secretary shall notify the members of Synod, and send out the necessary blanks to them, six weeks before the opening of Synod.

(4) Pastors and congregations shall send their Parochial Reports to the Statistician not later than August 20th, preceding. Failure to comply with this By-Law will forfeit to the Pastor his allowance from Synod for railroad fares.

(5) The Traveling Expenses of each Pastor to and from Synod shall be borne by the Synodical Treasury, in proportion to the amount contributed by his congregation to the Synodical Treasury apportionment for the two preceding years. By traveling expenses is meant simply railroad fare by the most direct route, and on the best possible reduced rates.

(5) The Treasurer, who is ex-officio a member of Synod, shall have his Traveling Expenses to and from Synod paid from the Synodical Treasury.

(6) All reports and resolutions presented to Synod shall be made out in duplicate before handing to the Secretary.

8. Congregations

(1) **Call to Pastor.** No congregation shall extend a call to a Pastor until it has fulfilled its financial obligations to its former Pastor.

(2) **Installations.** Every Pastor, upon entering his charge, shall be installed by the President of Synod, or under his instruction

9. Business in Standing Committees.

Members of Standing Committees shall be furnished a complete statement of the business to be considered, in connection with the summons to attend the meetings of their respective committees; and any member, unable to attend such meetings, shall be furnished a copy of the proceedings of such committee.

10. Official Record

Copies of the Printed Minutes, certified by the Secretary, shall be the official record of the proceedings of the Conventions. There shall be five certified copies prepared, two each for the Historian and Secretary, and one for the President. These certified copies shall be bound into one volume for every ten years.

11. Amendments.

(1) These By-Laws may be altered or amended on the conditions for amending the Constitution, (Art. 13, Sec. 2;-3) a year's notice alone excepted.

(2) All previous By-Laws and standing resolutions are hereby repealed, save as they are repeated or reproduced in these By-Laws.

The foregoing printed record, pages 3–61, with seal-impress insets, is full and complete minutes of the 30th Annual Convention of the California Lutheran Synod.

OFFICERS' DIRECTORY—1920-1921

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Lamanda Park

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Magazine ..... Mrs. M. F. Evans
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Lace Department ..... Mrs. Emil Meyer
1604½ J St., Sacramento

NEXT CONVENTION

Grace Church, San Jose, Sept. 13-15, 1921.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Society

OF THE

Synod of California

HELD IN

THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO

(BUSINESS SESSIONS HELD IN THE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

SEPT. 14-16, 1920.

FIRST SESSION, SEPT. 14

The members of Convention participated in the Synodical Communion Service at 10:30 A. M.

TUESDAY, 2:15 P. M.

The Devotional Service was led by Mrs. K. E. Binder. The theme throughout the sessions was "Sources of Spiritual Power." Mrs. Binder spoke on Prayer as one of the most important channels of power. Scripture, Luke 6:12-20.

In the absence of President, Mrs. D. J. Snyder, the Vice-President, Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, presided, and declared the opening of the Twenty-Ninth Convention.

Mrs. Schueler, on behalf of the San Diego Church, bade the Convention welcome, and Mrs. Hillerman responded for the delegates and visitors.

The following delegates were enrolled:

First Church, Los Angeles—Mrs. W. J. Gram, Mrs. J. H. Harpster.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles—Mrs. F. C. Noel, Mrs. Ralph Sprado.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles—Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. J. M. Peters.

Trinity, Pasadena—Mrs. W. C. Lieberg.

Trinity, Riverside—Mrs. H. J. Weaver.

First Church, Oakland—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

First Church, Glendale—Mrs. Paul Hoffman.

First Church, San Diego—Mrs. W. F. Evans, Mrs. K. E. Binder.

First Church, San Bernardino—Mrs. J. A. M. Ziegler, Mrs. E. A. Almendinger.

First Church, Sacramento—Mrs. W. H. Catron.

First Church, Redlands—Miss Emma Crotzer.

Trinity, Long Beach—Mrs. F. G. King, Mrs. E. E. Frey.

First Church, Fresno—Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. M. Burleigh.

Grace Church, Santa Barbara—Miss Lida Churchill, Miss Hilda Berg.

First Church, San Francisco—Mrs. J. R. Brauer, a. e.

Additional Officers

Vice-President.....Mrs. W. S. Dysinger
Secretary .....Mrs. J. W. Ball

Visitors

Los Angeles—Mrs. H. C. Funk.

St. Mark's—Mrs. A W Jumper, Mrs. C. E. Biehler, Mrs. D. B. Krout, Miss Corrine Nichols.

St. Paul's—Miss Evelyn Hoick.

Redlands—Mrs. Peter Hill, Miss Annie Solem.

Fresno—Mrs. J. Hjort.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco—Mrs. H. Gehrcke, Miss Helen Gehrcke.

Pasadena—Mrs. S. P. Worman.

San Bernardino—Miss Edith Ziegler, Mrs. W. J. Dentler.

All of the above societies represented sent reports.

Rev. W. E. Crouser brought to the Convention the Fraternal Greetings from the Synodical body. He paid high tribute to the dignity and importance of the work of the women.

Letters of greeting were received from Mrs. J. G. Traver, President, and Mrs. Walter Weier, Treasurer of the General Society.

A letter of resignation from Miss Kate Stuber, Statistical Secretary, was read by the Secretary.

A charming monologue entitled "Her Morning Mail," was given by Miss Evelyn Hoick.

Upon motion the time for adjournment was fixed at 4:15.

The Convention acquiesced in the suggestion made by Mrs. Dysinger that she take the hour allotted to Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. Dysinger's hour on Wednesday morning to be given to Rev. Wolters of Rajahmundry Mission.

Mrs. Dysinger introduced the subject, "Our Problems and Their Solution," and a number of delegates took part in the discussion which followed.

The offering, $6.58.

Upon motion Mrs. Hoick and Mrs. Hillerman were appointed to formulate some plan whereby the appreciation of the members of the Synodical Society might be expressed for Miss Stuber's long years of splendid service.

The following report on election of delegates to the General Convention was presented by the Secretary and upon motion was ratified and ordered incorporated in these minutes.

REPORT ON ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO CHICAGO CONVENTION

Early in June it became apparent that it would be necessary to elect a delegate to the General Convention at Chicago, as that body was to convene at the same time as the State body, making an election at this time, as decided at Oakland Convention, impossible.

The present Constitution of the California Synodical Society is silent as to what constitutes an Executive Committee, and as there was no precedent by which to be guided, the President, after consultation with a number of Officers and Department Secretaries, and finding it to be the consensus of opinion that all Officers and Department Secretaries should be included as an Executive Committee, inasmuch as the new Synodical Constitution, not yet adopted, provides that the Executive Commit-

tee shall consist of all Officers and Department Secretaries, therefore instructed the Secretary to send letters to these officers, requesting their votes for delegate, to General Convention. The one receiving next highest number of votes to become alternate.

Accordingly such letters were sent and the votes in due time were sent to a Committee on Election, consisting of Mrs. J. H. Harpster, First Church; Mrs. J. A. Fleckinger, St. Mark's, and Mrs. J. M. Peters, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.

The Committee on Election reported as follows:

Los Angeles, Cal., July 10, 1920.

The Committee appointed to count the ballots for delegate to the Convention beg leave to report that Mrs. D. J. Snyder has been elected, having received eight votes.

The next highest was Mrs. Dysinger, who received two votes, which in our opinion is not enough votes to elect her as alternate.

Mrs. J. H. HARPSTER, Chairman.
MRS. J. A. FLICKINGER.
MRS. J. M. PETERS.

Twelve votes were cast; Mrs. Snyder and Miss Stuber did not vote.

Accordingly on July 13 the Secretary was instructed to call for ballots for Alternate.

The Committee on Election reported as follows:

Los Angeles, Cal., August, 1920.

The Committee appointed to count the ballots for election of Alternate to the General Convention wish to report that Mrs. W. S. Dysinger has been elected, having received six votes.

Signed MRS. J. W. BALL, Secretary.
MRS. J. H. HARPSTER.
MRS. J. A. FLICKINGER.

A letter from Dr. Anna Kugler, Guntur, India, loaned by the courtesy of Miss Held, was read. It contained references to the Rest Home in the hills with all its beauties, and to the Ford car which was sent to her through the efforts of some of the young people of the California Synod and which has done so much to help open up out-stations.

After a season of prayer the session adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. W. F. Evans. She took "The Word of God" in the further development of the general theme, using Eph. 6:10; Ps. 119.

Roll Call. Minutes.

Upon motion all members of congregational societies were given the privilege of the floor.

Upon motion the President was instructed to appoint a Nominating Committee for Officers for 1920-1921.

Upon motion the matter of Miss Leidig's death was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The following Committees were appointed:

President's Report—Mrs. Paul Hoffman, Miss Emma Crotzer, Mrs. K. E. Binder.

Statistical Secretary's Report—Mrs. W. C. Lieberg, Mrs. H. Nelson.

Historian's Report—Mrs. H. J. Weaver, Mrs. W. H. Catron.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. J. M. Peters, Miss Lida Churchill.

Department Secretaries—Mrs. F. C. Noel, Mrs. F. G. King.

Resolutions—Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, Mrs. W. J. Gram, Miss Hilda Berg.

Reporter—Lutheran Woman's Work and Lutheran—Mrs. J. A. M. Ziegler.

Rev. Wolters, for many years a Missionary in Rajahmundry, India, gave a stirring address, bringing to notice the opportunities which the German Missions in India open to our United Lutheran Church. He gave an interesting account of the daily life and work of a Missionary on the field.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society:

Years ago a leading magazine published articles from the pen of one of America's prominent preachers, which always began with the words, "This may turn out a sermon and it may turn out a song." Pardon me if my message to you today, which should turn out a report, is simply a plain, ordinary letter to you all.

As I sit here writing I am three thousand miles away from you. Statistics of the work accomplished in our Synodical Society the past year are in my desk at Long Beach, but these will be given to you by the various Officers and department Secretaries. I am thinking of what I should say to you and these lines from a back number of Lutheran Woman's Work are ringing in my ear, "Boil it down."

"Have you had a thought that's happy?
Make it crisp and short and snappy,
Boil it down."

First I desire to call your attention to the following "Standard of Excellence for Synodical Societies," prepared by the General Society:

1. Loyalty to Organization.
2. Increase in Number of Organizations.
3. Increase in General Fund.
4. Increase in Thank Offering.
5. Increase in Mission Study Classes.
6. Increase in Subscription to "Lutheran Woman's Work."
7. Increase in Spiritual and Prayer Life.
8. Seventy-five per cent of Congregational Societies represented in Convention.
9. Increase in Members.
10. Observance of Week of Prayer.

Let us see to what degree we have reached this standard.

Loyalty to Organization.—Your loyalty I perhaps realize more than anyone else. You have been co-workers in the highest sense of the word and the progress made has been possible because of your individual loyalty and co-operation. My thanks

go out to all of you, who have labored so faithfully with me the last three years and your reward is in the hands of the Master.

Increase in Number of Organizations.—It is with regret that I report no new organizations during the year. The pastor of our church in Phoenix recently communicated to me their desire to organize a Missionary Society and in reply I suggested this be done before the San Diego Convention. I hope the organization has been effected and that a delegate is present at this Convention.

Increase in General Fund and Thank Offering.—Our contributions to each of these objects are by far the largest we have ever remitted. Particular mention should be made of the Thank Offering of $684.00, which was nearly $200.00 more than that of the previous year. That speaks well for our members, for Christian giving is a large part of Christian living.

Mission Study Classes.—We hear so little about these classes in the different societies, that I have concluded they are all graduated. Is that the case in your society? The crying need is for more and better leaders. Let us not forget that it is in Mission Study Classes these are trained and developed.

Subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work.—This is a blot upon our record for subscriptions to our magazine decreased last year. Perhaps this is because we have not been prompt in renewing old subscriptions and systematic in procuring new ones. Let us emphasize the importance of taking the magazine for interest in Missions always follows the reading of Missionary literature.

Increase in Spiritual and Prayer Life.—This is such a personal subject that we can hardly touch upon it. My earnest prayer is that our Spiritual Life has been deepened and enriched during the past year, for by the law of growth we are not standing still. May God grant that we may grow in the knowledge of the Son of God "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." We have increased in good works and this is an evidence of a deeper spiritual life for "by their fruits ye shall know them."

Seventy-five Per Cent of Congregational Societies Represented in Convention.—According to the Minutes of the last two Conventions, in Pasadena we attained that standard, and in Oakland came nearly doing so. An effort should be made in each society to send a representative to the Annual Convention.

Increase in Members.—Verbal reports which have come from different societies reveal a successful effort has been made to increase the membership. Let us endeavor this coming year to mobilize every woman in Missionary Activities. A double roll has been suggested—the membership roll of the society and the roll of women in the congregation who should be members.

Observance of the "Week of Prayer."—This "week" should be observed in every society. All societies doing so report a greater consecration and more efficient service, resulting from this special season of prayer. It cannot be otherwise.

Let us keep these ten points before us and endeavor to attain this standard by the next Convention.

Just a word about the work among our children and young people. This is a weak spot in our Synodical Society. Unless the children are organized and carefully trained our work will suffer seriously in the future. It should be the aim of every society to form some Missionary organization for the children and then keep the fire of their interest burning by constantly pouring upon it the oil of Missionary information and enterprise.

A new department, "Student Work," has recently been established and Mrs. Paul Hoffman is Chairman of this department in our Synod.

It was a pleasure and inspiration to have with us for a few months our own Missionary, Miss Mabel Dysinger. Her addresses in our churches quickened our interest in the African field and we pray God's blessing upon her as she returns to her work again.

Heretofore our Synodical Fee has been raised in September. Now that our year's work closes in July instead of September and our Convention is held in September instead of October, I suggest that hereafter the offering for Synodical Fee be taken in June.

The Secretary will report the election of the delegate to the Biennial Convention by the Executive Committee. I thank you for the honor shown me and while you are in session in San Diego I shall be in attendance at the Chicago Convention. If I fail to note all that is done in Chicago it will be because my thoughts have flown to you.

Much of the credit for the program at this Convention is due the Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Ball, who gladly completed all arrangements when I found it necessary to leave for the East so early.

In closing I want to emphasize our personal responsibility in the Missionary cause. When the children of Israel were to cross the Jordan the command was "Take you up everyman of you a stone upon his shoulder." There are many people who are glad to "see the good work go on," provided they do not have to do any of the work. Each of us has a work, a personal work, for which we were born and which no other can do for us. Ruskin has said, "No one of my friends can do that special work for which I have come into the world. He may do a greater work, a higher work, but he cannot do my work."

So, whether our task be great or small, let us perform it to the best of our ability, remembering that "we shall not pass this way again."

"The restless millions wait,
The light whose dawning makes all things new,
Christ also waits,
But men are slow and late;
Have we done all we could? Have I? Have you?

Respectfully submitted,

LEONA H. SNYDER.

Report of Northern Conference was given by Mrs. G. H. Hillerman.

REPORT OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

A helpful Conference was held in Trinity Church, Riverside. The Conference heard a report of the work in Africa by Miss Mabel Dysinger on furlough. The new Constitution for Conferences was read and d.scussed at some length and adopted as far as understood. After final action on this Constitution at Chicago, further consideration will be given to it.

The Officers were elected according to the new Constituiton which provides that all Conference Officers shall be elected from their own body by the Conference itself, resulting as follows:

President.....Mrs. H. J. Weaver
Secretary.....Mrs. H. J. Simons
Treasurer.....Mrs. Ralph Sprado

The Conference was royally entertained and went home feeling better prepared for the next year's work.

MRS. W. S. DYSINGER, President.

The Statistical Secretary had no report and the following report was compiled by the Secretary with the help of delegates present:

Active Members	479
Honorary Members	56
Life Members	84
Home Department	1
Memorial	6
Young Peoples'	25
Cradle Roll	23
Annuitants	3
Woman's Work	304
Lutheran Boys and Girls	85
Foreign Missionary	110

Adjourned with Missionary Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. K. Rinde. Her development of the general theme was on the subject of Faith. She used Heb. 11:12 to 12:1, 2.

Roll Call. Minutes

Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Ralph Sprado
Mrs. J. M. Peters
Mrs. H. Nelson
Miss Emma Crotzer
Mrs. W. H. Catron
Mrs. F. G. King

Treasurer's Report

(See Appendices A and B.)

REPORT OF AUDITOR

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 21, 1920.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of The California Synodical Woman's Missionary Society

beg to report that the books and vouchers of the treasurer for the past year have been examined carefully and all accounts are found correct.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP JOHNSON,
DELLA B. BOOTH,
CLARENCE B. RUNKLE,
Committee.

Report was adopted as audited.

Upon motion the Synodical Fee was ordered remitted in June quarter.

REPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Life Members

1919

Mrs. Sophia M. Falvey, First, Los Angeles.

1920

Mrs. Mathilda E. Gustine, San Diego.
Mrs. E. E. Hillegas, Oakland.
Mrs. R. T. Kusche, First, Los Angeles.
Miss Margaret Bingham, First, Los Angeles.

Honorary Life Members

1919

Mr. Robert Knight Shryock, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Rev. R. Warren Mottern, Glendale.

"In Memoriam"

1919

Mrs. J. F. Reimer. Made Memorial Member by the Convention.
Mrs. Wm. C. Kleist, First, Los Angeles.
Miss Carrie Lothammer, St. John's, Sacramento.

Honorary Life Member, who has died.

Rev. W. R. Swickard, Los Angeles, 1920.

Summary

Life Members	79
Honorary Life Members	19
Life Members (Deceased)	11
Honorary Life Members (Deceased)	2
Memorial Members	6

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. E. HOICK.

REPORT OF THANK OFFERING SECRETARY

The Thank Offering for 1919 amounted to $684.63, the largest in our history, being an increase of $182.63 over the previous year. The use of the Thank Offering boxes is increasing in a most satisfactory manner, which is as great cause for rejoicing as the large offering reported at this Convention.

Respectfully sumbitted,
MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN.

THE Y. P. S. AND MISSION BAND SECRETARY

Five Mission Bands reported. No new Bands have been organized during the year. Twelve letters have been sent out. The progress of this department was very much retarded this year by the delay in receiving the new literature and instructions from headquarters.

SARAH O. STERMER.

REPORT OF LITERATURE SECRETARY

Since the discontinuance of the monthly leaflet, letters have been sent out informing the Societies of the available lesson helps and supplemental reading for the program meetings.

The program packets are not only for the leader but suggest helpful leaflets to be purchased in quantity for distribution among women not interested in the work of the Society. Well selected leaflets should sometimes be given to each member.

The equipment of such literature should be provided from a special literature fund or from the contingent fund.

Mission Study.—Inquiries which have reached us from several societies show that the interest in the study of Missions is growing.

We are glad to report a Mission study class of fifty members held this past winter in Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, Mrs. W. J. Dentler, teacher.

Our new Mission study book for 1921 for program meetings is "The Bible and Missions," by Helen Barrett Montgomery. Price, 45c paper; 65c cloth Post-paid. "The Church and the Community," by Ralph Diffendorfer, is recommended for Mission study classes. Price, 50c paper; 75c cloth. Post-paid.

There are two new leaflets in line with the study book, "The Bible and Missions;" one is an African story, written by Mrs. Pohlman, entitled, "God's Think Box," 3c; the other consists of quotations, assembled by Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, entitled "The Bible for All the World," 2c. Send all orders for literature direct to Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia. Orders for the new study books will be taken at this convention.

Our literature was displayed and sold at the Mt. Hermon Summer School of Missions.

Every member of the Woman's Missionary Society should be a subscriber to our splendid magazine, "Lutheran Woman's Work." Price, 75c a year.

Those of our women who have read the story, "Conscripts of Conscience," by Caroline Atwater Mason, which appeared as a serial in our magazine the last four months of 1919, will know what a charming story it is. The missionary spirit pervades the whole of it. It may now be obtained in book form through the United Lutheran Publication House, Cor. 9th and Sansom Sts., Philadelphia. Price, $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,
ROSA FLATHMAN.

ANNUITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

In March letters were sent to the various Societies of the Synod urging that each local Society appoint an Annuity Chairman as was recommended by Women's Conference of Mission Workers held in Pittsburg, in September, 1919.

In July another letter was sent to the Societies asking that the subject of the Annuity Department be brought before the Societies, giving the objects to which the money could be designated as final disposition of bond.

Two Societies have appointed a local Secretary, First Church, Los Angeles and Trinity, Pasadena. One Annuitant has been secured, who is a member of the Society of the First Church in Los Angeles. She purchased a Joint Annuity Bond for $100.00. We have the prospect of the sale of another bond to a member of the Society of the First Church, Los Angeles.

The work in this department is slow; it does not go forward with leaps and bounds. Your Secretary requests that each Society appoint a local chairman, as recommended by the Woman's Conference. Today there are three Annuitants in the California Synodical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. HARPSTER.

REPORT OF THE LACE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Your Secretary has been intrusted with the distribution of the India Lace in the California Synod.

Resulting from our inability to obtain all Laces desired for distribution, our sales were limited.

Mrs. Fisher, the Lace Secretary appointed for First Church, Los Angeles, Rev. Dysinger, Pastor, whose sales amounted to $8.35. Our personal sales amounted to $81.46.

We mailed a number of copies containing the following request, for distribution:

OUR INDIA LACE INDUSTRY!

To the Sunday Schools and all members of the California Synod. Christian Greeting:

An appeal from Christian women of our Missions in India pleads for a spool of thread, from every individual member of the California Synod. Their Lace Industry needs our support. Send contributions, (the cost of a spool of thread), and inquiries for laces to Mrs. Emil Meyer, Secretary for the India Lace Distribution, 1363 Palou Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.

To every Pastor of the Synod sending 32 letters.

The Church at Phoenix, Arizona, responded with a check of $1.75.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles, one box of thread.

Miss Shoemacher, San Francisco, $1.00 and one spool of thread.

Temple Church, San Francisco, $9.75.

With the termination of the year, and the presentation of this report I turn over to your Society all laces on hand.

Most cordially submitted,

MRS. LYDIA MEYER.

REPORT OF STUDENT WORK

The "Student Work" is a new department, and one whose meaning is as yet but little known to the majority of our Societies. Also it is a department created some little time after our last Synodical meeting, hence we have not had the advantage of a full year's work.

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of Student Work of the United Church your chairman sent out student blanks not only to the members of our State Society, but to those churches in the California Synod not yet having Missionary Societies.

Thirty blanks were sent out. Twelve blanks were returned, as requested, to the chairman, six of which reported no students. From the remaining six we have seven students in State universities and colleges, one student in State normal school; three Lutheran graduates teaching in high schools, making a total of 11, none of whom are in Lutheran schools.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. PAUL A. HOFFMAN, Chairman.

All these reports were accepted and referred to the proper committees.

"How may our meetings be made more interesting?" was a paper brim full of splendid ideas and suggestions, read by Mrs. F. G. King

Mrs. H. C. Funk gave an excellent talk on the "Value and Use of the Text Book."

"Why I take the Lutheran Woman's Work" was a paper prepared and read by Mrs. H. J. Weaver and contained convincing arguments as to why one should take it and read it.

A solo by Mrs. Elsie Frey was much enjoyed.

Upon motion the resignation of Miss Kate Stuber as Statistical Secretary was regretfully accepted.

Offering, $4.24.

Session closed with Prayer and Missionary Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Anniversary Service

The Liturgical Service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Funk. Rev. Earnest Trabert preached the sermon on the subject of "Bible Women and Christian Women," taking as his text, "O, Woman, Great is Thy Faith." Several pleasing numbers were rendered by the choir.

Offering, $22.61.

At the close of the service the members of Synod together with the members of Convention enjoyed an informal social hour arranged by the young people of the San Diego Church.

THURSDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Devotional Service, led by Mrs. Kilmer. Rom. 5:1-11; Heb. 11:1; Jas. 5:15 were the references used. She emphasized faith combined with prayer as an essential source of spiritual power.

Roll call. Minutes.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick gave a brief but excellent review of the text book "The Bible and Missions," pointing out some of the Missionary messages of the Old and New Testaments, also referred to translations, travels and influence of the Bible.

Mrs. J. H. Harpster read a comprehensive article on "Th Bible in India," beginning with the Syrian period, supposed to date from apostolic times, down to the present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report on "President's Report"

The Committee on President's Report, after careful consideration of the same, find that it shows faithful work and keen interest in the welfare of the Societies. We would urge that a special effort be made to attain the "Standard of Excellence for Synodical Societies" this coming year as suggested by our President in her report. Also that the work among our children and young people be especially emphasized.

We recommend the adoption as a whole of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PAUL A. HOFFMAN
MISS EMMA CROTZER
MRS. KATIE E. BINDER

Report on Life Membership Secretary's Report

Having examined the Synodical Life Membership Secretary's Report, we are pleased to note that five Life Members and two Honorary Life Members have been enrolled, but regret the necessity of adding the names of three memorial members and of noting the death of one Honorary Life Member.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. J. WEAVER
MRS. W. H. CATRON

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers

Your Committee begs to report:

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Traver, expressing gratification at the records of the past bi-ennium, but urges a deeper sense of the world's great need of Him, doing our utmost to bring about the day when all shall know Him from the least to the greatest.

A letter from Mrs. Walter Weier in which she encloses a letter of greeting which she requests not to be opened until the last session of our Convention, as it contains a very nice surprise.

We regret to report a letter from Miss Kate Stuber containing her resignation as Corresponding Secretary which she is obliged to tender, owing to ill health.

A most interesting letter from Dr. Anna Kugler, with encouraging accounts of her work in Gunter, also the watchword "Be ready, for ye know not the day nor hour when the Son of Man cometh."

The papers presented by Mrs. King and Mrs. Weaver were splendidly prepared and helpful in their information and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. M. PETERS
LIDA CHURCHILL

Report on Department Secretaries

Thank Offering. We note with gratification the successful results that have attended the earnest efforts of the Secretary of this department, and wish to urge a more extended use of the Thank Offering Boxes, so that we may look forward to greater results this coming year.

Y. P. S. Mission Band. We regret to note that little advance over last year can be reported. The delay in receiving literature has been a hindrance to the success in this department.

Annuity. We wish to recommend the faithfulness of the Annuity Secretary and we earnestly hope that her efforts in this work will reap rich reward.

Literature. We recommend that more attention be paid to the distribution of tracts and leaflets; also the use of the text book in every Society and every member a subscriber for the "Women's Work."

Student's Work. We wish to mention the appeal made to all Societies as to the filling out of blanks, regardless of the fact that they may have no students, and the prompt return of the same to headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. C. NOEL
MRS. F. G. KING

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee submits the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. E. A. Trabert for the excellent address delivered at the Wednesday Evening Session of Convention; also to the ladies who prepared papers for the various sessions;

Resolved, That we acknowledge with pleasure the presence of our Missionaries, Rev. Wolters of Rajahmundry and our beloved Mrs. Harpster, both of whom spoke in most interesting manner;

Resolved, That we emphasize the importance of our splendid magazine, "Lutheran Woman's Work," and urge increased subscription lists;

Resolved, That we again call special attention to a resolution adopted a year ago, whereby some arrangement be made to pay expense of a delegate to Convention each year;

Resolved, That we appreciate the untiring efforts of our President, Mrs. D. J. Snyder, in her conduct of affairs pertaining to the work of this organization and rejoice that she is permitted to enjoy the pleasure of attending Chicago Convention at this time;

Resolved, That this organization has suffered the loss of a valued worker in the death of Miss Anne R. Leidigh of San Diego Society. For many years she had been active in Kansas Synodical Society and at her death provided liberally for the work of the General Society and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth! Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Resolved, That we sincerely regret the necessity for the resignation of our faithful Corresponding Secretary, Miss Kate Stuber, and extend our sympathy to her.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the hospitality of the pastor and people of the First Church, San Diego, to the Luther League for their delightful reception, to the Ladies' Ai-

for their bountiful luncheons, and to the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building in which our Convention was held.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. H. HILLERMAN

MRS. W. J. GRAM
MISS HILDA E. BERG

ELECTIONS

(see Directory)

The following bills were allowed and the Secretary, upon motion, was instructed to pay same from offerings:

Mrs. D. J. Snyder, postage		$ 5.00
Mrs. E. C. Bentz, postage		4.80
Miss Rosa Flathman, postage		1.10
Mrs. G. H. Hillerman, expense		4.50
Mrs. J. H. Harpster, postage		1.00
Miss J. W. Ball, programs	$6.00	
Telegram	.53	
Postage	1.50	$ 8.03
		$24.43

Upon motion, the invitation to meet in San Jose Church next year was accepted with thanks.

A letter from Mrs. Walter Weier, General Treasurer, containing a report for the Biennium was read by the Secretary. Truly a report to be received with rejoicing.

Minutes approved.

After prayer by the chairman she declared the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention closed.

MRS. J. W. BALL, Secretary.

Appendix A—Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, 1919-20

RECEIPTS

From J. F. Reimer (cash on hand)	$ 138.87	
From all other sources for the year	1922.88	
Total		$2061.75

DISBURSEMENTS

To Mrs. Walter C. Weier, General Treasurer,

General Fund	$538.23	
Travel Fund	31.00	
Thank Offering	684.63	
Christmas Offering	70.20	
Life Memberships	70.00	
In Memoriams	40.00	
Lace Industry	6.00	
India Bed	12.00	
Annuities	200.00	
Young People's Special	3.00	
Girls' School, India	80.00	
Girls' School, China	25.00	
Native Work, Africa	30.00	
Total		$1790.06

SYNODICAL EXPENSES

Mrs. J. F. Reimer Memorial	15.00	
President, programs	7.00	
" traveling expenses	31.33	
" postage, incidentals	4.00	
Annuity Secretary, postage	1.00	
Mrs. Harpster, expenses to Workers' Conference	6.00	
Thank-offering Secretary, postage	2.00	
Corresponding Secretary, postage	2.50	
Recording Secretary, postage	.80	
Treasurer, ledger	5.95	
D. S. Efner, Synodical Stationery	13,50	
Treasurer California Synod, Printing of Minutes	35.00	
Total		124 08
Grand total disbursements		1914.14
Balance		* $ 147.61

* $139.47 of this amount being the Seminary Fund, and 8.14 the Synodical Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. C. BENTZ, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B—Treasurer's Report, 1919-1920

NAME	General Fund	Travel Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Membership	In Memoriam	Lace Industry	India Bed	Annuities	Young People's Special	Girls' School India	Girls' School China	Native Worker Africa	Synodical Fund	Total.
Balance on hand	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$138.87	$ 138.87
Offering at Synodical Convention, Sept. 16-18														33.70	33.70
Offering at Northern Conference														3.00	3.00
Synodical Society						15.00									15.00
Alpaugh	10.00														10.00
Fresno, First	27.50	2.00	21.50											3.80	54.80
Glendale	14.00		31.00	2.00	20.00					3.00				3.00	73.00
Long Beach	26.00	2.00	41.00	1.00										6 00	76.00
Los Angeles—First English	51.00	3.00	87.00	22.00	20.00	25.00			100.00		25.00			11.00	344.00
A. F. C.	23.00	1.00	23.00	3.00							5.00			2 30	57.30
St. Mark's	42.00	3.00	40.00	5.00										9.00	99.00
St. Paul's	27.00	1.00	26.00		10.00				100.00					4.50	168.50
Oakland	24.00	1.00	51.00	5.00	10.00									3.00	94 00
Pasadena	31.00	3.00	60.00	A 13.00			6.00							9.00	122.00
Redlands	25.00	2.00	31.00	3.00									30.00	3.00	94.00
Riverside	24.00	2.00	52.00	5.00										4.00	87.00
Sacramento—1st English	14.00	1.00	14.00	2.00										4.00	35.00
Eng. M. B.	2.00											25.00			27.00
Ev. St. John's	58.53		14.83					12.00			25.00			10.00	120.36
San Bernardino	3.00														3.00
San Diego	33.00	3.00	76.00	8.00	10.00									8.00	138.00
San Francisco—First English	18.00	1.00	22.00								B 25.00			3.00	69.00
St. Andrew's	40.00														40.00
St. Matthew's	17.00	3.00												5.00	25.00
Temple			10.00												10.00
San Jose	19.00	2.00	80.00											5.00	106.00
Santa Barbara	8.20	1.00	4.30	1.20										2.00	16.70
Mrs. A. J. Deutler, personal	1.00														1 00
Mrs. Harpster, refund														.52	.52
Amount Received	$ 538.23	$ 31,00	$ 684.63	$ 70.20	$ 70 00	$ 40.00	$ 6.00	$ 12.00	$ 200.00	$ 3.00	$ 80.00	$ 25.00	$ 30,00	$ 271.69	$ 2061.75
Amount Remitted	538.23	31.00	684.63	70.20	70.00	40.00	6.00	12.00	200.00	3.00	80.00	25.00	30.00	124.08	1914.14
Amount in Treasury														$ 147.61	$ 147.61

A $5.00 contributeP by the Kings Davghters.

B Contributed by Mrs. A. E. Schumacher.

MRS. E. C. BENTZ, Treasures.

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